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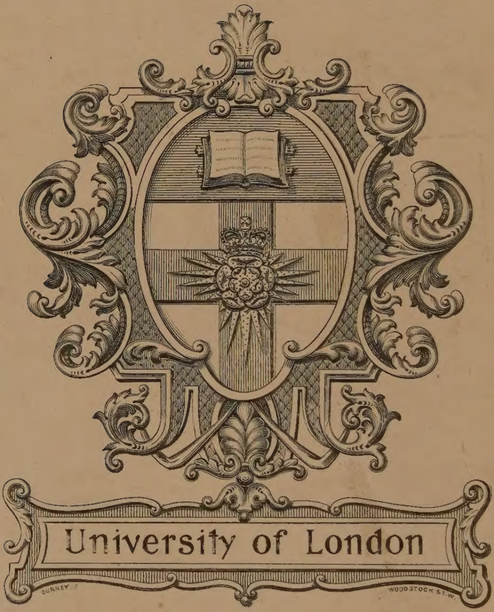

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HOUSE OF COMMONS: WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1904.

The House met at Two of the Clock.

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Ordered, That the Promoters of the Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill, which has been introduced into this House in the present session of Parliament and which has passed this House and been sent to the House of Lords, shall have leave to introduce the same in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present session.

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the agent stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present session.

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be *pro forma* only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages.

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present session.—(*The Deputy-Chairman.*)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House. (*The Deputy-Chairman.*)

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Supply [23rd Allotted Day]—9th August, Evening Sitting].—Resolutions reported.

Revenue Departments.—

1. "That a sum, not exceeding £2,615,509, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service."

CLASS I.

2. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,088,788, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

		£
2.	Osborne (including a Supplementary sum of £5,450)	10,550
3.	Royal Parks and Pleasure Grounds	69,100
5.	Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain	40,700
6.	Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain	26,300
7.	Diplomatic and Consular Buildings	38,000
9.	Public Buildings, Great Britain	290,900
10.	Surveys of the United Kingdom	120,409
12.	Peterhead Harbour	22,000
13.	Rates on Government Property	332,277
14.	Public Works and Buildings, Ireland	110,737
15.	Railways, Ireland	27,815
		£1,088,788"

CLASS II.

3. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,263,014, be granted to His Majesty to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

		£
1.	House of Lords Offices	9,868
2.	House of Commons Offices	21,060
3.	Treasury and Subordinate Offices	54,639

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4. Home Offices	104,094
5. Foreign Office	35,771
6. Colonial Office	27,750
7. Privy Council Office	5,680
9. Mercantile Marine Services	69,251
10. Bankruptcy Department of Board of Trade	9
11. Board of Agriculture and Fisheries	54,337
12. Charity Commission	14,633
13. Civil Service Commission	25,110
14. Exchequer and Audit Department	39,054
15. Friendly Societies Registry	4,881
16. Local Government Board	142,089
18. Mint, including Coinage	63
19. National Debt Office	7,439
20. Public Record Office	14,965
21. Pubic Works Loan Commission	7
22. Registrar-General's Office	22,146
23. Stationery and Printing	404,362
24. Woods, Forests, etc., Office of	13,171
25. Works and Public Buildings Office	39,649
26. Secret Service	25,000

Scotland.

27. Secretary for Scotland's Office	10,495
28. Fishery Board	10,155
29. Lunacy Commission	3,423
30. Registrar-General's Office	2,732

Ireland.

32. Lord Lieutenant's Household	2,826
33. Chief Secretary for Ireland, Offices	14,371
35. Charitable Donations and Bequests Office (including a Supplementary sum of £130)	1,148
36. Local Government Board	37,886
37. Public Record Office, Ireland	3,254
38. Public Works Office	21,773
39. Registrar-General's Office	6,716
40. Valuation and Boundary Survey	13,207
	£1,263,014"

CLASS III.

4. "That a sum, not exceeding £2,016,511, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services,

	£
1. Law Charges	35,232
2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses	22,199
3. Supreme Court of Judicature	177,515
4. Land Registry	28,827
5. County Courts	23,000
6. Police, England and Wales	25,854
7. Prisons, England and the Colonies	375,762
8. Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain	113,957
9. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum	21,701

Scotland.

10. Law Charges and Courts of Law	54,148
11. Register House, Edinburgh	27,678
12. Crofters' Commission	2,590
13. Prisons	50,570

Ireland.

14. Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions	33,416
15. Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments	57,718
17. County Court Officers, etc.	66,584
18. Dublin Metropolitan Police	37,96[illegible]
19. Royal Irish Constabulary	739,608
20. Prisons	65,476
21. Reformatory and Industrial Schools	53,000
22. Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum	3,715
	£2,016,511"

CLASS IV.

5. "That a sum, not exceeding £7,110,267, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Board of Education	5,238,437
2. British Museum	90,171
3. National Gallery	7,065
4. National Portrait Gallery	2,682
5. Wallace Collection	3,539
6. Scientific Investigation, etc., United Kingdom	24,407
7. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales	103,200
8. Public Education, Scotland	1,003,724

Ireland.

10. Public Education	633,625
11. Endowed Schools Commissioners	535
12. National Gallery	582
13. Queen's Colleges	2,300
	£7,110,267 "

CLASS V.

6. " That a sum not exceeding £1,130,288, be granted to His Majesty. to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Diplomatic and Consular Services	303,067
2. British Protectorates in Uganda, etc.	420,700
3. Colonial Services	305,421
4. Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable	52,100
5. Treasury Chest Fund	49,000
	£1,130,288"

CLASS VI.

7. "That a sum, not exceeding £341,246, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances - - - -	39,729
2. Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions - - - - -	600
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances - - -	617
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland - - - - - -	300
	£341,246"

CLASS VII.

8. "That a sum, not exceeding £63,497, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Temporary Commissions - - - - - - -	25,000
2. Miscellaneous Expenses - - - - - - -	5,098
3. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - - - -	5,642
4. St. Louis Exhibition, 1904 - - - - - -	10,000
5. Ireland Development Grant - - - - - -	1,000
6. Repayment to Civil Contingencies Fund - - - -	16,757
	£63,497"

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9. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,690,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz. :—

	£
5. Educational Services - - - - - - -	154,000
12. Admiralty Office - - - - - - - -	327,400
14. Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances - - - - - - - - -	1,208,800
	£1,690,200"

ARMY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

10. "That a sum, not exceeding £15,984,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), viz. :—

	£
2. Medical Estabishment, Pay, etc. - - - - -	484,000
3. Militia : Pay, Bounty, etc. - - - - - -	817,000
4. Imperial Yeomanry : Pay and Allowances - - - -	468,000
5. Volunteer Corps, Pay and Allowances - - - -	1,220,000
6. Transports and Remounts - - - - - -	1,519,000
7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - - - -	4,582,000

8. Clothing Establishments and Services	1,156,000
10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs: Cost, including Staff for Engineer Services	1,918,000
11. Establishments for Military Education	146,000
12. Miscellaneous Effective Services	73,000
14. Non-effective Charges for Officers, etc.	1,666,000
15. Non-effective Charges for Men, etc.	1,676,000
16. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Compassionate Allowances, and Gratuities	189,000
Army (Ordnance Factories)	70,000
	£15,984,000 "

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

11. " That a sum, not exceeding £536,420, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment durng the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Service included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz. :—

Post Office Packet Service	£536,420"

Resolutions read a second time.

First Four Resolutions postponed.

Fifth Resolution.

Motion made, and Question proposed, " That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."

Mr. Cripps (Lancashire, Stretford) 39
Mr. Harold Reckitt (Lincolnshire, Brigg) 44
Sir John Gorst (Cambridge University) 46
Mr. Lloyd-George (Carnarvon Boroughs) 54
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Mr. Crooks (Woolwich) 81
Sir W. Hart Dyke (Kent, Dartford) 84
Mr. Bryce (Aberdeen, S.) 85
Mr. Duke (Plymouth) 88

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Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions to be Further Considered at this Evening's Sitting.

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EVENING SITTING.

SUPPLY [23RD ALLOTTED DAY] [9TH AUGUST, EVENING SITTING], REPORT.—

Order read, for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question [10th August], "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Fifth Resolution, 'That a sum, not exceeding £7,110,267, be granted for Expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services.'"

Question again proposed.

Mr. Duke (*Plymouth*) 90
Mr. Austin Taylor (*Liverpool, E. Toxteth*) 93
Mr. Emmott (*Oldham*) 95
Mr. Ernest Grey (*West Ham, N.*) 96

Question put and agreed to.

SUPPLY [9TH AUGUST, EVENING SITTING] REPORT.—

Order read, for Further Consideration of Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions.

Sixth and Seventh Resolutions postponed.

Eighth Resolution—

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, 'That a sum, not exceeding £63,497, be granted for Expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services.'"

Mr. Blake (*Longford, S.*) 98
The Chief Secretary for Ireland (*Mr. Wyndham, Dover*) 101

And, it being Ten of the clock, Mr. SPEAKER, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report of the Resolution then under consideration.

Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. SPEAKER then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of each Class of the Civil Services Estimates, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Revenue Departments Estimates.

CIVIL SERVICES ESTIMATES, 1904-5.—

CLASS I.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS II.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS III.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Services Estimates," put and agreed to.

CLASS IV.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS V.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS VI.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

NAVY ESTIMATES, 1904-5.—

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Navy Estimates."

The House divided :—Ayes, 187 ; Noes, 40. (Division List No. 332.)

ARMY ESTIMATES, 1904-5.—

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Army Estimates."

The House divided :—Ayes, 169 ; Noes, 68. (Division List No. 333.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS ESTIMATES, 1904–5.—

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates."

The House divided :—Ayes, 166 ; Noes, 70. (Division List No. 334.)

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL.—Not amended (by the Standing Committee), considered.

Mr. Brynmor Jones (*Swansea District*) 111

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 1, line 6, to leave out the words 'including the repealed portions thereof.'"—(*Mr. Brynmor Jones.*)

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Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

The Attorney-General (*Sir Robert Finlay, Inverness Burghs*) 112
Mr. Lough (*Islington, W.*) 112
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Sir Francis Powell (*Wigan*) 116
Mr. Broadhurst (*Leicester*) 116

Question put.

The House divided:—Ayes, 150; Noes, 62. (Division List No. 335.)

Mr. Brynmor Jones 119

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 1, line 12, after the word 'Act,' to insert the words 'but no Bishop appointed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to sit and vote in the House of Lords, unless at the time of his appointment he was a peer of the realm, or shall, after his appointment, become a Peer of the realm by descent or creation.'"—(*Mr. Brynmor Jones.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Sir Robert Finlay 120

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 5, to leave out paragraph (a) of Schedule 1."—(*Mr. Higham.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out to the word 'with,' in page 2, line 10, stand part of the Bill."

Mr. Ellis Griffith (*Anglesey*) 120

Question put.

The House divided:—Ayes, 142; Noes, 51. (Division List No. 336.)

Mr. Higham 123

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 10, to leave out the words 'with his consent.'"—(*Mr. Higham.*)

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Question proposed, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

Sir Robert Finlay 123
Mr. Lough 123
Mr. Ellis Griffith 124
Mr. Moss, (Denbighshire, E.) 124

Question put.

The House divided :—Ayes, 140 ; Noes, 51. (Division List No. 337.)

Mr. Caldwell 125

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 2, line 16, to leave out paragraph (b) of Schedule 1."—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

Question proposed, " That the words of paragraph (b) to the word ' fifteen ' in page 2, line 21, proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

Sir Lees Knowles (Salford, W.) 127
Mr. Ellis Griffith 127
Sir Robert Finlay 127
Sir Walter Foster (Derbyshire, Ilkeston) 128
Sir William Tomlinson (Preston) 128

Question put.

The House divided :—Ayes, 131 ; Noes, 44. (Division List No. 338.)

Mr. Moss 129

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 3, line 17, to leave out the words ' four thousand,' and insert the words ' three thousand five hundred ' "—(*Mr. Moss*)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, " That the words ' four thousand ' stand part of the Bill."

Sir Robert Finlay 130

Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. Caldwell 131

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 3, line 29, to leave out paragraph (4) of Schedule 2 "—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

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Question proposed, "That paragraph (4) of Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill."

Sir Robert Finlay 131
Sir Walter Foster 131

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

NAVY AND ARMY EXPENDITURE, 1902–3, RESOLUTIONS REPORTED.

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1903, and the statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a) That the gross expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £388,335 5s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 1. of the Schedule hereto appended; while the gross expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £437,337 3s., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the gross actual expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the gross estimated expenditure by the net sum of £49,001 17s. 5d.

(b) That the receipts in aid of certain Grants for Navy Services fell short of the total estimated receipts by the sum of £4,598 15s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the receipts in aid of other Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £207,119 8s., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, so that the total actual receipts in aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the total estimated receipts by the net sum of £202,520 12s. 8d.

(c) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Total Surpluses - - - - - - - -	617,270	4	0
Total Deficits - - - - - - - - -	365,747	13	11
Net Surplus	£251,522	10	1

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the net charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations-in-Aid, in respect of the same Services; and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. "That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

Number of Vote.	Navy Services, 1902-1903. Votes.	Gross Expenditure.		Appropriations in Aid.	
		Excesses of Actual over Estimated Gross Expenditure.	Surpluses of Estimated over Actual Gross Expenditure.	Deficiencies of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts.	Surpluses of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts.
		1.	2.	3.	4.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 ...	Wages, etc. of Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines	119,682 16 6	...	...	6,668 4 6
2 ...	Victualling and Clothing for the Navy	12,203 12 7	...	...	13,090 4 0
3 ...	Medical Establishments and Services	..	4,575 15 0	1,083 0 6	
4 ...	Martial Law	437 17 5	...	45 8 7	
5 ...	Educational Services	...	4,805 11 7	...	131 18 4
6 ...	Scientific Services	...	1,215 7 8	...	2,004 3 1
7 ...	Royal Naval Reserves	...	22,764 2 1	35 6 5	
8	Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c.				
Sec. 1 ...	Personnel	188,522 13 7	...	...	1,210 7 8
Sec. 2 ...	Matériel	...	243,960 11 7	...	132,921 4 11
Sec. 3 ...	Contract Work	...	53,937 6 11	...	9,912 7 1
9 ...	Naval Armaments	...	66,440 15 5	...	37,807 9 7
10 ..	Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad	...	39,183 12 10	3,357 14 6	
11 ...	Miscellaneous Effective Services	45,859 17 4	...	...	1,183 10 4
12 ...	Admiralty Office	4,454 14 0	...	...	10 8 1
13 ...	Half-pay, Reserved and Retired Pay	...	454 19 11	...	745 8 0
14 ..	Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances	6,584 9 8	...	...	1,434 2 5
15 ...	Civil Pensions and Gratuities	3,639 14 5	...	77 5 4	
	Amount written off as irrecoverable	6,949 10 1			
		388,335 5 7	437,337 3 0	4,598 15 4	207,119 8 0
		Net Surplus, £49,001 17 5		Net Surplus, £202,520 12 8	

Surplus surrendered to the Exchequer - - - £251,522 10 1

Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1903, and the statement appended thereto, as follows, viz. :—

(a) That the gross expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £2,235,435 4s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the gross expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £2,266,558 17s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the gross actual expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the gross estimated expenditure by the net sum of £31,123 13s. 2d.

(b) That the receipts in aid of certain Army Services fell short of the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £523,014 8s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the receipts in aid of other Army Services exceeded the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £938,463 11s. 9d., as shown in

Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the total actual receipts in aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded the total estimated receipts by the net sum of £415,449 3s. 2d.

(c) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

	£ s. d.
Total Surpluses - - - - - - -	2,613,688 15 8
Total Deficits - - - - - - - -	2,167,115 19 4
Net Surplus,	£446,572 16 4

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the net charge as Exchequer Grants for certain Army Services, of the whole of the sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations in aid, in respect of the same Services, and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

2. "That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

Number of Vote	Army Services, 1902–1903. Votes.	Gross Expenditure.		Appropriations in Aid.	
		Excesses of Actual over Estimated Gross Expenditure. 1.	Surpluses of Estimated over Actual Gross Expenditure. 2.	Deficiencies of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 3.	Surpluses of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 4.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Pay, etc., of Army (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments) -	...	1,028,191 3 0	...	7,958 15 7
2	Medical Establishments: Pay, etc. - -	...	31,748 10 7	...	10,727 19 10
3	Militia: Pay, Bounty, etc. - - -	324,011 2 9	...	612 7 11	
4	Imperial Yeomanry: Pay and Allowances -	...	248,246 2 10	...	73 1 2
5	Volunteer Corps: Pay and Allowances -	23,391 15 2	...	...	1,672 1 3
6	Transport and Remounts - - - -	624,534 10 4	...	246,678 7 6	
7	Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies -	...	359,562 0 7	67,354 14 9	
8	Clothing Establishments, and Services -	...	402,078 19 10	...	207,828 6 10
9	Warlike and other Stores: Supply and Repair - - - - - - - -	...	182,606 9 3	27,700 12 3	
10	Works, Buildings, and Repairs: Cost, including staff for Engineer Services -	670,280 2 6	...	...	185,595 14 1
11	Establishments for Military Education -	4,591 15 2	...	...	5,321 7 7
12	Miscellaneous Effective Services - -	291,872 9 5	...	...	519,286 5 5
13	War Office: Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges - - - - - - - -	34,424 0 10	...	120 0 4	
14	Non-effective Charges for Officers, etc. -	253,696 5 1	...	68,069 3 9	
15	Non-effective Charges for Men, etc.	...	12,532 1 6	112,464 17 1	
16	Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances - - - -	...	1,593 9 9	14 5 0	
	Balances irrecoverable - - -	8,633 2 11			
		2,235,435 4 2	2,266,558 17 4	523,014 8 7	938,463 11 9

Net Surplus, £31,123 13 2 Net Surplus, £415,449 3 2

Surplus surrendered to the Exchequer - - - £446,572 16 4

Resolutions agreed to 131

WAYS AND MEANS [9TH AUGUST].—Resolution reported.

"That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty forthe Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, the sum of £73,083,164, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom."

Resolution agreed to. Bill ordered to be brought in by the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—"To apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament," presented accordingly, and read the first time; to be read a second time this day 135

Indian Councils Bill.

Considered in Committee.

Committee report Progress; to sit again to-morrow 137

Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Bill [LORDS].—Read a second time, and committed for to-morrow 137

Wireless Telegraphy Bill.—[SECOND READING].—Order for the Second Reading read.

The Postmaster-General (*Lord Stanley, Lancashire Westhoughton*) .. 137

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Mr. Lough (*Islington, W.*) 138

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and committed for to-morrow.

Reserve Forces Bill [LORDS].—Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn 138

Public Health Bill [LORDS].—Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed 138

Shop Hours Bill.—Order read, for resuming adjourned debate on Question [5th August], proposed on Consideration of the Bill, as amended (by the Standing Committee), "That a clause (Exemption of Shopkeepers), be read a second time."

Question again proposed.

Sir Frederick Banbury (*Camberwell, Peckham*) 139
The Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (*Mr. Cochrane, Ayrshire, N.*) 139
Mr. Herbert Robertson (*Hackney, S.*) 140
Sir George Bartley (*Islington, N.*) 140

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Question put.

The House divided :—Ayes, 26 ; Noes, 125. (Division List No. 339.)

New clause (Power of county councils to delegate powers under the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895) :

" Where an order under this Act is in force in any metropolitan borough or urban district the council of the county in which the borough or district is situate may delegate to the council of the borough or district, either with or without any restrictions or conditions as they think it, their powers under the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895."—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Brought up, and read the first and second time.

Mr. Herbert Samuel (*Yorkshire, Cleveland*) 143

Amendment proposed to the proposed clause—

" In lines 1 and 2, to leave out the words ' metropolitan borough or.' "—(*Mr. Herbert Samuel.*)

Question proposed, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed clause."

Mr. Cochrane 143
Sir Charles Dilke (*Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean*) 144
Mr. Lough (*Islington, W.*) 144

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

Mr. Stuart Samuel (*Tower Hamlets, Whitechapel*) 144

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 1, line 29, after the word ' proper ' to insert the words ' Provided always that every closing order which fixes a closing hour for Saturday shall contain a provision authorising the occupier of a shop who is a person of the Jewish religion, and keeps such shop closed from Sunset on any Friday until sunset on the Saturday immediately following, to open that shop on such Saturday at or after sunset and to keep it open until ten o'clock in the evening of the same Saturday.' "—(*Mr. Stuart Samuel.*)

Question proposed, " That those words be there inserted."

Mr. Cochrane 146

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 2, line 15, to leave out Sub-section 6 of Clause 2."—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, " That the words of the sub-section to the word ' substitute,' in page 2, line 18, stand part of the Bill."

Sir Frederick Banbury 147
Mr. Cochrane 147
Mr. Shackleton (*Lancashire, Clitheroe*) 147

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 3, line 3, at end, to add the words ' provided that every closing order shall be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after it is confirmed, and if an address is presented to His Majesty by either House within the next subsequent forty days on which that House has sat after any such order is laid before it praying that the order may be cancelled, His Majesty in Council may annul the order, and any order so annulled shall thenceforth become void and of no effect, but without prejudice to any proceedings which may in the meantime have been taken under the order and without prejudice to the power of making any new closing order. —(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Lough 147

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

" In page 5, line 6, at the end, to insert the words ' The sale of confectionery.' "—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, " That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill [LORDS].—Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn 148

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill.—Considered in Committee and reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed .. 148

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) [EXPENSES].—Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain Expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland (King's Recommendation signified), this day.—(*Mr. A. Graham Murray.*) 148

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at eighteen minutes before Two o'clock.

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PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill.—House in Committee (according to order). Bill reported without Amendment. Standing Committee negatived, and Bill to be read 3ª To-morrow 149

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [H.L.]—Commons Amendment considered (according to order), and agreed to 149

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill.—Returned from the Commons with the Amendments agreed to 149

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.—Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª. —(*Lord Kenyon.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

Lord Armstrong 149

Amendment moved—

"In page 26, after line 40, to insert the words 'Provided that no such contract, deed, bond, agreement, or other instrument intered into or made by either of the urban councils or the rural council after the 19th day of July, 1904, which involves or may involve the payment by the corporation of any sum or sums exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds shall be binding upon the corporation unless the same shall have been approved by them in writing or in case of difference by the Local Government Board or by some person appointed by them whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.' "—(*Lord Armstrong.*)

On Question, Amendment agreed to.

Moved "That the Bill do now pass."—(*Lord Kenyon.*)

On Question Bill passed accordingly and returned to the Commons.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

PREFERENTIAL AND RETALIATORY DUTIES.—Order of the 12th August, 1903, for a Return respecting, discharged, and proceedings of the 14th August, 1903, relating to the presentation of the same, ordered to be vacated. Then it was ordered that the following Return be laid before the House in substitution thereof, viz. :—

DIFFERENTIAL DUTIES.

Return of differential duties imposed, raised, reduced, or repealed in the the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1853, and 1860 stating (1) the rate of duty levied; and (2) the revenue derived from, and the quantities imported of, the articles concerned in the three years preceding, and in the three years following, such change.

The said Return laid before the House (pursuant to Order of this Day), and to be printed. (No. 190.) 150

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HOUSE OF LORDS OFFICES.—Second Report of the Select Committee made; to be printed; and to be considered To-morrow. (No. 191.) 151

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II. (MISCELLANEOUS SERIES).

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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION).—Annual Report of proceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875–1899; the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887–1894; the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893; and the Board of Agriculture Act, 1889 (Section 2, Sub-section 3); for the year 1903 .. 151

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RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—Returns of accidents and casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several railway companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ended 31st March, 1904, in pursuance of the Regulations of Railways Act (1871); together with reports of the inspecting officers, assistant inspecting officers, and sub-inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade, upon certain accidents which were inquired into .. 151

GAS AND WATER ORDERS, SESSION 1904.—Report by the Board of Trade on their proceedings under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, during the session of 1904.

Presented (by Command), and ordered to lie on the Table 152

INEBRIATES ACT, 1898.—Regulation, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of the Act, respecting the photographing of inmates of certified inebriate reformatories 152

IRISH LAND COMMISSION (PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891).—Return of advances under the Act during the year ended the 31st March, 1904 .. 152

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RAILWAY SERVANTS (HOURS OF LABOUR).—Report by the Board of Trade respecting their proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July, 1904.

Laid before the House (pursuant to Act), and ordered to lie on the Table 152

The LORD CHANCELLOR acquainted the House, that the Clerk of the Parliaments had laid upon the Table the Certificate from the Examiners that the Standing Orders applicable to the following Bill have been complied with : Post Office Sites.

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Public Health Bill [H.L.].—Returned from the Commons agreed to 153

County of Suffolk Bill.—Read 3ª (according to order), and passed 153

Shop Hours Bill.—Brought from the Commons ; read 1ª ; to be printed ; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Belper). (No. 192.) 153

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No 2) Bill.—Read 1ª ; to be printed ; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Kenyon). (No. 193.) 153

Post Office Sites Bill.—To be read 2ª To-morrow, and Standing Order No. 93 to be considered in order to its being dispensed with in respect of the said Bill 153

RUSSIA AND CONTRABAND OF WAR.

The Marquess of Ripon 153
The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (*The Marquess of Lansdowne*) 154

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Moved, That Standing Order No. XXXIX be considered in order to its being suspended for the remainder of the session.—(*The Marquess of Lansdowne.*)

The Earl of Wemyss 160
The Marquess of Lansdowne 161

On Question, Motion agreed to, the Earl of Wemyss challenging a division but being unable to find a teller.

Supply of Electricity Bill [H.L.].
Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

Lord Wolverton 162

Amendment moved—

"In Clause 4, page 3, line 33, to leave out from the word 'transfer,' to the end of the clause."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Amendment agreed to.

Moved, "That the Bill do pass."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

Bill passed, and sent to the Commons.

Education (Local Authority Default) Bill.—[SECOND READING.]—Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

The Lord President of the Council and President of the Board of Education (The Marquess of Londonderry) 163

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2d."—(*The Marquess of Londonderry.*)

Lord Stanley of Alderley 171

Amendment moved—

"To leave out the word 'now' and add at the end of the Motion the words 'this day three months.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury 182
The Earl of Crewe 184
Earl Cawdor 187
The Earl of Aberdeen 190
The Lord Bishop of St. Davids 191
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On Question, whether the word "now" shall stand part of the Motion, resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2d accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

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Lord Stanmore 196
The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (The Duke of Marlborough) .. 200

THE CROWN AGENTS AND THE TRANSVAAL AND ORANGE RIVER COLONIES.

Earl Grey 202
The Duke of Marlborough 203

RHODESIA.

Earl Grey 205

Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty for a Return of the cost of the several Colonies, Protectorates, and Dependencies of the British Empire at the expense of the British Exchequer for each of the years from 1853 to 1903, in the same form, as nearly as may be, as the information supplied in the House of Commons Paper, No. 417, of Session 1881; and also their population, and the annual value of their trade with the United Kingdom, so far as it can be given, for the latest year for which the figures are available."—(*Earl Grey.*)

The Duke of Marlborough 208

On Question, Motion agreed to; and ordered accordingly.

House adjourned at a quarter past Seven o'clock, Till To-morrow, a quarter past Four o'clock.

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The House met at Two of the Clock.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [LORDS].—Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Read the third time, and passed, without Amendment 208

MESSAGE FROM THE LORDS.

That they have agreed to—

Post Office Bill; Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation Bill; Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation Bill; Perth Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; Carlisle Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Amendments to—Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill [Lords]; De Trafford Estate Bill [Lords]; Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords]; Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords]; Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], without Amendment 208

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LOCAL TAXATION (SCOTLAND).—Copy presented, of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland for the year 1902–3 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 341.] 209

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Copy presented, of Report of the Commissioners for the period from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table 209

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).—Copy presented, of Seventieth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, being for the year 1903 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table 209

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—Copy presented, of Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ended 31st March, 1904, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers, Assistant Inspecting Officers, and Sub-inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into [by Command]; to lie upon the Table 209

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NAVAL EXPENDITURE AND MERCANTILE MARINE (GREAT BRITAIN, ETC.).—Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 16th June; *Sir John Colomb*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 342] 210

DIPLOMATIC REPORTS (COAL).—Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 6th July; *Mr. Fenwick*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 343] 210

CONTINENTAL FREE PORTS.—Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 30th June; *Mr. Charles McArthur*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 344] 210

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RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACTS, 1888 AND 1894.—Copy presented, of Eighth Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under Section 31 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, including Proceedings upon complaints made under Section 1 of The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1894 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 346] 210

RAILWAY SERVANTS (HOURS OF LABOUR).—Copy presented, of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under The Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July, 1904 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 347] 210

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			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	

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Year.	Applications for Trade purposes.			Applications for Scientific or Educational purposes.		
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Question put, "That the Question be now put."

The House divided:—Ayes, 149; Noes, 48. (Division List No. 340.)

Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

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Standing Order 9, relating to Private Business, was read, and amended, in paragraph (2), line 2, by inserting, after the word " taking," the words " or compulsory user."

In line 3, by inserting, after the word " taking," the words " or compulsory user."

In paragraph (3), line 2, by inserting, after the word " taking," the words " or compulsorily user."

In paragraph (3), line 3, by inserting, after word " taking," the words " or compulsory user."

In paragraph (3), line 13, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words " or compulsorily used."

In paragraph (3), line 15, by inserting, after the word " taking," the words " or compulsory user."

Standing Order 24 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, after the word " Agriculture," the words " and Fisheries."

Standing Order 26 was read, and amended, in line 4, by leaving out the words " Fisheries and."

Standing Order 26 was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the words " of the," the words " Board of Agriculture and."

In line 6, by leaving out the words " and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade.

Standing Order 30 was read, and amended, at the end, by adding, after the word " Agriculture," the words " and Fisheries."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in paragraph (4), line 2, by leaving out the words " Fisheries and."

In paragraph (5), line 3, by inserting, after the words " of the," the words " Board of Agriculture and."

In paragraph (5), lines 3 and 4, by leaving out the words " and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade."

In paragraph (7), line 7, by leaving out the word " labouring," and inserting the word " working."

In paragraph (14), line 6, by inserting, after the word " Agriculture," the words " and Fisheries."

In paragraph (14), at the end, by adding, after the word " Agriculture," the words " and Fisheries."

38. Ordered, That where any Bill contains or revives or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement any land in any local area as defined for the purposes of this Order, and such taking involves, or may involve, the taking in that area of any house or houses occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons of the working class, whether as tenants or lodgers, the promoters shall deposit in the Private Bill Office, and at the office of the central authority, on or before the 21st day of December, a statement giving the description and postal address of each of such houses, its number on the deposited plans, the parish in which it is situate, and the number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons of the working class residing in it, and also a copy of so much of the deposited plans (if any) as relates thereto.

This Order shall not apply where a statement in pursuance of this Order was deposited in respect of the Act, the powers of which are proposed to be revived or extended.

For the purposes of this Order the expression " local area " means—

(1) As respects London the Administrative County of London.

(2) As respects England and Wales (outside London) any borough or other urban district, and elsewhere than in a borough or other urban district, any parish.

(3) As respects Scotland, any district within the meaning of The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897 ; and

(4) As respects Ireland, any urban district.

The expression " house " means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling.

The expression " working class " means mechanics, artisans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family, and persons, other than domestic servants, whose income in any case does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

The expression " central authority " means, as regards London, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and, as regards England and Wales, outside London, the Local Government Board, as regards Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland, and, as regards Ireland, the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The expression " Bill " includes a Bill confirming a Provisional Order.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 38 read, and repealed.

Standing Order 76 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word " England," the words " or in Ireland."

In line 4, by inserting, after the word " oaths " the word " and."

In line 5, by leaving out from the word " and," to the end of the Standing Order.

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Standing Order 84 was read, and amended, in line 11, by inserting, after the word "Agriculture" the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 128 was read, and amended, in line 7, by inserting, after the word "Bills," the words "originating in this House."

133a. Ordered, That where any society or association sufficiently representing a trade, business, or interest in any district to which any Bill relates, petition against the Bill alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent to the referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the petitioners to be heard on such allegations against the Bill or any part thereof.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 133a read, and repealed.

Standing Order 141 was read, and amended, in line 4, by inserting, after the word "England," the words "or in Ireland."

In line 5, by inserting, after the word "Oaths," the word "and."

In line 6, by leaving out from the word "and," to the end of the Standing Order.

Standing Order 184 was read, and amended, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "land," the words "in Scotland or Ireland."

In paragraph (1), by leaving out from the second word "in," in line 2, to the second word "more," in line 3, and inserting the words "any house or."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by inserting, after the word "by," the words "thirty or more."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by leaving out the word "labouring," and inserting the word "working."

In line 15, by leaving out from the words "the Committee," to the word "Bill," in line 20.

Standing Order 207 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, the words—

Provided that where any such Opposed Private Business is set down to be taken at the beginning of an Evening Sitting and is disposed of, any Motion contingent directly or otherwise thereon may with the assent of the Chair be considered and disposed of at the same sitting.

254a. Ordered, That where, under the provisions of Section 9 of the Procedure Act, a Confirmation Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee, the Committee of this House shall consist of Three Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.—(*The Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

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(In the Committee).

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 5, at beginning to insert the words 'For a period of five years after the passing of the Act.' "—(*Mr. Delany.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 5, to leave out the words 'untenanted, and' and insert the words 'land wholly or partly untenanted.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Tully 311

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 6, after the word 'Board' to insert the words 'for the purposes of being divided amongst the purposes mentioned in Section 2, Sub-section 1, (a), (b), (c), (d), including herds.' "—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 9, at beginning, to insert the words 'In the case of a vendor whose estate has not been withdrawn from the Land Judge's Court since the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and one.' "—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Question proposed, " That those words be there inserted."

Mr. Wyndham 315

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 9, to leave out the words ' said percentage,' and insert the words ' percentage mentioned in the said section forty-eight.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 9, to leave out the words ' provisions of ' and insert the words ' enactments contained in the proviso to Sub-section 1, and in."—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 10, to leave out the words ' of the said section,' and insert the words ' thereof.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Tully 315

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 13, after the word ' entitled,' to insert the words ' provided the purchase annuity created under this Act payable in respect of the advance will not be more than forty-two and one-half per centum below the existing rent.' "—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 14, to leave out the words, ' same trusts as those,' and insert the words ' trusts (if any).' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 18, after the words ' 1890,' to insert the words ' provided the purchase price does not exceed the average paid under The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, and the Land Purchase Acts, as certified by the Land Commission.' "—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed—

" In page 1, line 18, after the word ' shall ' to insert the words ' subject to the provisions of the last-preceding section.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 22, to leave out sub-section (4) and insert the words 'provided that where the vendor is a person exercising any power or sale on behalf of a lunatic, person of unsound mind, or infant, or where the vendor is a lunatic or person of unsound mind selling pursuant to any order made by the Lord Chancellor, the percentage shall be held for the use and benefit of the same persons, or upon the same trusts as the case may be, as if the lunatic, person of unsound mind, or infant, as the case may be, were not under any disability.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page, 2, line 3, before the word 'where,' to insert the words 'Provided also that.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 7, at end, to insert the words '(6) With the consent of the vendor or vendors a portion of the said percentage or bonus, namely, a sum calculated at the rate of one-half per cent. on the gross amount of the purchase money and bonus, may be paid by the Land Commission to the land clerk or land clerks of the estate office, on the sale of an estate under the Irish Land Act, 1903; and if there be more than one land clerk in the estate office, the said sum shall be distributed by the Land Commission to the land clerks in joint proportion to their salaries and years service as land clerks in Ireland: Provided that, in case it is arranged by the Estates Commissioners and the vendor that the said sum shall be paid to the land clerk or land clerks of the estate office as part of the costs connected with the sale, payable out of the purchase money of the estate by Section 23, Sub-section 12, of The Irish Land Act, 1903, the amount shall not be payable out of the percentage or bonus.' "—(*Mr. Sloan.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 12, to leave out from the word 'construed,' to end of clause, and insert the words 'and shall take effect from the date of its passing as if this Act had then formed part thereof.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Question proposed, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

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Question put, and negatived.

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Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

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The Secretary of State for the Home Department (*Mr. Akers Douglas, Kent, St. Augustine's*) 328

Schedule agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment ; read the third time, and passed.

Licensing Bill.—Lords Amendments considered.

Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 2, line 32, agreed to.

Lords Amendments.

"In page 2, line 32, after the word ('purpose') to insert the words (4) 'Any costs incurred by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on an appeal from their decision to the High Court under this section shall, unless the High Court order those costs to be paid by some party to the appeal other than the Commissioners, be paid out of the amount to be paid as compensation.'"

The next Amendment read a second time.

Mr. Corrie Grant (*Warwickshire, Rugby*) 329
The Secretary of State for the Home Department (*Mr. Akers-Douglas, Kent, St. Augustine's*) 329

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 4, line 27, agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 4, line 27, to leave out from the word ('be') to the end of the subsection and insert the words ('allocated to such purposes of public benefit not chargeable to the rates as the confirming authority determine.')"

The next Amendment read a second time.

The Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury (*Mr. A. J. Balfour, Manchester, E.*) 330

Lords Amendment disagreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 4, line 38, after the words ('1874') to insert the words ('(6) On the confirmation of a new on-licence, the confirming authority may, with the consent of the justices authorised to grant the licence, vary any conditions attached to the licence under the provisions of this section.')"

The next Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 5, line 3, to leave out from the word ('them') to the word ('shall') in line 6, and insert the words ('under this section and in a county.')"

The next Amendment amended, and agreed to.

Subsequent Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 5, line 35, agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 5, line 35, after the word ('time') to insert the words ('not exceeding fifteen years.')"

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The next Amendment read a second time.

Mr. Ellis Griffith (*Anglesey*) 331
Mr. Akers Douglas 331

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments.

" In page 5, line 38, after the word (' fund ') to insert the words (' and of any sums paid in respect of new licences ') ; in page 5, line 39, after the word (' session ') to insert the words (' and so far as respects sums paid for new licences of the confirming authority.') "

The next Amendments disagreed to.

Remaining Lords Amendments agreed to.

Committee appointed to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

Committee nominated of—Mr. Asquith, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Mr. Whittaker.

Three to be the quorum.

To withdraw immediately.—(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS [REMISSION].—Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the remission of a certain Debt due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from the Guardians of the Union of Belmullet, in the county of Mayo, in pursuance of any Act of the present session relating to Local Loans.

Resolution to be reported this day 332

Public Works Loan Bill.—Read a second time, and committed for this day 332

Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.—Order read, for resuming adjourned debate on Question [5th August], " That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question again proposed.

Mr. Caldwell (*Lanarkshire, Mid.*) 332
Mr. Lough (*Islington, W.*) 333
The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (*Mr. Victor Cavendish, Derbyshire, W.*) 333

Question put, and agreed to. Bill read a second time, and committed for To-morrow.

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Prisons (Scotland) Bill.—Read a second time, and committed for To-morrow 333

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.—Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment; read the third time and passed 333

Indian Councils Bill.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

Mr. Herbert Roberts (Denbighshire, W.) 333
The Secretary of State for India (Mr. Brodrick, Surrey, Guildford) .. 334

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION (EXPENSES).

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic and any Expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect.

Resolution to be reported this day 334

Army Council Bill [LORDS].—Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn 335

Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

Mr. Lough (Islington, W.) 335
The Postmaster-General (Lord Stanley, Lancashire, Westhoughton) .. 335
Mr. Wm. Rutherford (Liverpool, West Derby) 335

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Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 10, at end, to add the words 'Provided that nothing in this Act shall prevent any persons from making or using electrical apparatus for actuating machinery or for any purpose other than the transmission of messages.'"—(*Mr. William Rutherford.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 33, at end, to add the words, 'Where an applicant for a licence satisfies the Postmaster-General that a wireless telegraph station is to be used solely for the transmission of telegrams which are within the first or second exception from the exclusive privilege of transmitting telegrams conferred upon the Postmaster General by the Telegraph Act, 1869, a licence for that purpose, if granted, shall not be subject to any rent or royalty.'"—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"After the last inserted words to add the words, 'It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, due regard being had to the maintenance and exercise of effective control over wireless telegraphy, to grant special licences at reduced terms for the establishment and working of wireless telegraph stations to be used exclusively for the transmission within the United Kingdom of news to public registered newspapers. A schedule of all reduced rents or royalties imposed by any special licences shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days of the commencement of the session next succeeding the grant of any such licences.'"—(*Sir Walter Plummer.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 36, at end, to add the words, '(3) His Majesty in Council may order that this Act shall, subject to any conditions, exceptions, and qualifications contained in the order, apply during the continuance of the order to British ships whilst on the high seas. (4) A person shall not work any apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed on a foreign ship whilst that ship is in territorial waters otherwise than in accordance with regulations made in that behalf by the Postmaster-General, and the Postmaster-General may by any such regulations impose penalties recoverable summarily for the breach of any such regulations not exceeding ten pounds for each offence, and may provide for the forfeiture on any such breach of any apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed or worked on such ship. Save as aforesaid nothing in this Act shall apply to the working of apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed on any foreign ship.' "—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 38, to leave out the words, 'whilst on the high seas or.' "—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, after the last inserted words to add, 'In the application of this Act to Scotland the expression of misdemeanour means crime or offence."—(*Mr. A. Graham Murray.*)

Amendment agreed to,

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

New clause [Application of Acts to Channel Islands and Isle of Man.]

"In page 2, after Clause 3, to insert the following clause, 'In the application of this Act to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man—(1) The lieutenant-governor of the Island of Jersey or the Island of Guernsey, and the governor, lieutenant-governor or deputy-governor of the Isle of Man, as the case may require, shall (except with respect to the grant of licences), be substituted for the Board of Trade ; (2) Offences may be prosecuted, fines recovered, proceedings taken, and search warrants isssued in such Courts and in such manner as may for the time being be provided in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man by law, or, if no express provision is made, then in and before the Courts and in the manner in which the like offences, fines, proceedings, and warrants may be prosecuted, recovered, taken or issued therein by law, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, and the bailiff or his lieutenant, or any jurat of the Royal Court in the Island of Jersey or the Island of Guernsey, and the Judge or any jurat of the Court of Alderney, and the high bailiff or two justices of the peace in the Isle of Man, shall respectively be substituted for a justice of the peace.' "—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Brought up, and read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New clause [Duration of Act].

"After the clause last inserted, to insert the following clause, 'This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of September nineteen hundred and six, and no longer, unless Parliament otherwise determines.' "—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."

Mr. William McArthur (*Cornwall, St. Austell*) 338

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Amendment proposed, to the proposed clause—

“In line 1, to leave out the word ‘September,’ and insert the word ‘July.’ ”—(*Mr. William McArthur.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Bill reported, as amended, to be considered To-morrow, and to be printed. [Bill 303.]

Alaki, etc, Works Bill.—Order for second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn 338

Weights and Measures Bill.—As amended (by the Standing Committee), considered.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

“In Clause 13, page 5, line 35, at end of clause to add the words, ‘except when such verification and stamping take place on the premises of a glass or earthenware manufacturer, in which case such adequate and reasonable allowance as may be agreed upon by the local authority, with the consent of the Board of Trade, may be made in respect of such use or assistance as aforesaid.’ ”—(*Mr. Bousfield.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Bill read the third time, and passed 338

Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed—

Clause 1—

“In page 2, line 1, to leave out the words ‘has been.’ ”—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3.

Amendments proposed—

“In page 4, line 18, after the word ‘Act,’ to insert the words ‘or in The Employment of Children Act, 1903, or any bye-law made thereunder. In page 4, line 36, to leave out from beginning of line to the word ‘whether,’ in line 39, and insert the words ‘It shall be the duty of inspectors and other officers charged with the execution of The Employment of Children Act, 1903, to see.’ In page 4, line 40, after the word ‘inspector,’ to insert the words ‘or officer.’ “In page 5, line 2, after the word 'inspector,' to insert the words 'appointed under The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.' In page 5, lines 3 and 4, to leave out the words 'sixty-eight of the same Act,' and insert the words 'one hundred and nineteen of that Act, and that section shall apply accordingly.' In page 5, lines 14 and 15, to leave out the words 'not less than ten days after the granting of the licence,' and insert the word 'forthwith.' In page 5, lines 15 and 16, to leave out the words 'inspector of factories and work-shops acting,' and insert the words 'local authority.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 5, line 21, at end, to insert the words 'as amended by any later enactment.'"—(*Mr. H. D. Greene.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 5, line 27, after the first word 'the,' to insert the word word 'First.' In page 5, line 32, after the second word 'the' to insert the word 'First'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 6, line 11, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 6, line 24, after the word 'the' to insert the word 'First.' In page 6, lines 34 and 35, to leave out the words 'committal for trial or.' In page 6, line 35, after the word 'person,' to insert the words "and in case of conviction for such further time not exceeding twenty-one days as the court may direct.' In page 6, line 38, to leave out the words 'parochial boards,' and insert the words 'parish councils.' In page 6, line 41, after the word 'constable,' to insert the words 'or any person authorised by a justice of the peace.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 7, line 9, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 7, line 20, to leave out the second word 'or,' and to insert the word 'including.' In page 7, line 23, to leave out the words 'society or body.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

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Clause 6, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 9, line 9, after the word 'may,' to insert the words 'in any case where there is any pension or income payable to such parent and capable of being attached, after giving the person by whom the pension or income is payable an opportunity of being heard.'" "In page 9, line 10, to leave out the word 'any' and to insert the word 'the.'" "In page 9, line 10, to leave out the words 'payable to such parent.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 10, line 7, to leave out the words 'under this Act.' In page 10, line 9, at end, to insert the words 'and the provisions of Section 6 of this Act, shall, as far as applicable, apply as if the order were an order under that section.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 9, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 10, line 28, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 10, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 11, line 30, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 11, as amended, agreed to

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13.

Amendment proposed—

> "In page 12, line 31, after the third word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 13, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14.

Amendment proposed—

> "In page 13, line 13, after the first word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15.

Amendment proposed—

> "In page 13, line 32, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16.

Amendment proposed—

> "In page 14, line 24, after the first word 'the' to insert the word 'First.' —(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 16, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17.

Amendments proposed—

> "In page 14, line 32, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 14, line 32, after the second word 'Act,' to insert the words 'or any offence under the Employment of Children Act, 1903.' In page 14, line 35, after the word 'Act,' to insert the words 'and The Employment of Children Act, 1903.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 17, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18.

Amendments proposed—

“In page 14, line 38, after the second word ‘the,’ to insert the word ‘First.’ In page 15, line 12, after the word ‘the,’ to insert the word ‘First.’ In page 15, line 18, after the word ‘the,’ to insert the word ‘First.’ ”—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 18, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 19 and 20 agreed to.

Clause 21.

Amendment proposed—

“In page 15, line 37, to leave out the words ‘parochial board,’ and insert the words ‘parish council.’ ”—(*The Lord Advocate.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 21, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 22.

Amendment proposed—

“In page 16, line 5, to leave out from the word ‘be,’ to the end of clause, and insert the words ‘made by the same authority and confirmed in the same way as bye-laws under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, or in Scotland as bye-laws under Section 2, of the said Act.’ ” (*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 22, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23.

Amendment proposed—

“In page 16, line 27, to leave out from the word ‘child,’ to the word ‘and’ in line 29.”—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 23, as amended, agreed to.]

Clauses 24 to 28 agreed to.

Clause 29.

Amendment proposed—

> " In page 17, line 32, to leave out from the word ' authority,' to end of line 38, and insert the words ' has the same meaning as in The Employment of Children Act, 1903.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 29, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 30.

Amendment proposed—

> " In page 18, line 25, to leave out from the word ' means,' to end of line 30, and insert the words ' the local authority for the purposes of section two of The Employment of Children Act, 1903, as defined in sub-section four of section fourteen of that Act, and the provisions of the said sub-section shall apply accordingly.' "—(*The Lord Advocate.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 30, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 31.

Amendment proposed—

> " In page 19, line 10, to leave out from the word ' means,' to end of clause, and insert the words ' any local authority as defined by The Employment of Children Act, 1903.' "—(*Mr. H. D. Greene.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 31, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 32.

Amendments proposed—

> " In page 19, line 27, to leave out the words ' Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894,' and insert the words ' enactments mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act. ' " In page 19, line 28, at end, to insert the words ' to the extent specified in the third column to that schedule.' In page 19, line 30, to leave out the word ' August,' and insert the word ' October. ' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 32, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause [Expenses of Local Authority]

> " Expenses incurred by a local authority under this Act shall be defrayed in like manner as expenses incurred under the Employment of Children Act, 1903."—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Brought up, and read the first and second times, and added to the Bill.

Bill reported; as amended, to be considered this day. 339

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WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) [EXPENSES].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain Expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland.

Resolution to be reported To-morrow.

Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Bill. [Lords.]

Committee deferred till this day. 344

Licensing Bill.

Reasons for disagreeing to certain of the Lords Amendments reported and agreed to.

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Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock.

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Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill.—Read 3ª (according to order), and passed 345

Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [H.L.]; Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [H.L.]. Returned from the Commons, agreed to 345

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.—London County Council (General Powers) Bill; Carlisle Corporation Bill. Returned from the Commons with the Amendments agreed to 345

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MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOSS OF LIFE).—Return showing the lives lost by wreck, drowning or other accident in British sea-going merchant ships registered in the United Kingdom, during the years 1891 to 1903, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [Cd. 1690]) 345

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Licensing Bill..—Returned from the Commons with several of the Amendments agreed to; one other agreed to, with an Amendment; and several others disagreed to with a reason for such disagreement. The said Amendment and reason to be considered To-morrow 346

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Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.—Brought from the Commons; read 1^a; to be printed; and to be read 2^a To-morrow (The Lord Kintore (*E. Kintore*). (No. 196.) 346

Indian Councils Bill.—Brought from the Commons; read 1^a; to be printed; and to be read 2^a To-morrow (The Earl of Hardwick). (No. 197.) 346

Weights and Measures Bill.—Brought from the Commons; read 1^a; to be printed; and to be read 2^a To-morrow (The Lord Wolverton). (No. 198.) 346

Local Records Bill [H.L.]

The Lord Privy Seal (*The Marquess of Salisbury*) 346

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 1^a."—(*The Marquess of Salisbury.*)

On Question, Bill read 1^a; and to be printed. (No. 194.)

Post Office Sites Bill—[SECOND READING.]—Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^a."—(*The Marquess of Londonderry.*)

The Acting-Chairman of Committees (*Lord Balfour of Burleigh*) .. 347
The Lord President of the Council and President of the Board of Education (*The Marquess of Londonderry*) 349
The Marquis of Ripon 349

On Question, Bill read 2^a. Then Standing Order No. 93 considered (according to order) and dispensed with. Committee negatived; Bill read 3^a, and passed.

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House of Lords Offices.—Second Report of the Select Committee considered (according to order).

Moved to agree to the following paragraph, " The Committee, having had under consideration the relations of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to the House of Lords, have adjourned the further consideration thereof to the first meeting of the Committee in the next session of Parliament."—(*Lord Balfour of Burleigh.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

The Duke of Northumberland 350

Moved, to agree to the following paragraph : " The Committee recommend, " That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty begging respectfully to inform His Majesty in connection with the vacancy in the office of Black Rod, that the relations of Black Rod to this House are under the consideration of the House."—(*The Duke of Northumberland.*)

Lord Balfour of Burleigh 352
The Earl of Aberdeen 352
The Duke of Northumberland 353
The Marquess of Ripon 353

On Question, resolved in the negative, and the said paragraph disagreed to.

Shop Hours Bill.—[Second Reading].—Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Lord Belper 353

Moved, " That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*Lord Belper.*)

The Earl of Wemyss 356

Amendent moved—

" To leave out all the words after the word ' That,' for the purpose of inserting the following words, viz. : " In the opinion of this House it is inconsistent with its dignity and position as a deliberative and legislative assembly, that a Bill should be submitted to it, in the last days of the session, that interferes with trade in streets as well as shops, and for the first time in modern legislation limits the working hours of full-grown men.' "—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

Lord Avebury 359
The Marquess of Ripon 360
Lord Balfour of Burleigh 362
The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (*The Marquess of Lansdowne*) 365
The Duke of Northumberland 366

On Question, whether the words proposed to be left out stand shall part of the Motion.

Their Lordships divided :—Contents, 30 ; Not-Contents, 11.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2ª accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill—[SECOND READING].—Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Lord Kenyon 369

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^a."—(*Lord Kenyon.*)

The Earl of Wemyss 370

Amendment moved—

"To leave out all the words after the word 'That,' for the purpose of inserting the following words, viz., 'this House is of opinion that no alteration should be made in the principles of Poor Law Relief as now administered, save on the direct responsibility of the Government and after a full independent public inquiry into the working of the present law; and this House meantime thinks it undesirable to proceed further with this Bill.'"—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury 372
Earl Grey 373
The First Lord of the Admiralty (*The Earl of Selborne*) 374

On Question, whether the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Motion.

Their Lordships divided:—Contents, 30; Not-Contents, 9.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2^a accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Education (Local Authority Default) Bill.—House in Committee (according to order).

Clause 1:—

Lord Stanley of Alderley 377

Amendment moved—

"In Clause 1, page 1, line 9, after the word 'school,' to insert the words 'after forwarding a statement in writing of the alleged default to the local authority and considering any statement the local authority may submit in their defence, and hearing any evidence the local authority may desire to submit relveant to the charge.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

The Lord President of the Council and President of the Board of Education (*The Marquess of Londonderry*) 378
The Marquess of Ripon 379
Lord Stanley of Alderley 380

On Question, Amendment negatived.

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Amendment moved—

"In Clause 1, page 1, line 23, to leave out from the word 'Act,' to the word 'may' in line 25.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley*.)

The Marquess of Londonderry 381

On Question, Amendment negatived.

Amendment moved—

"In page 2, line 2, to leave out the words 'whether before or.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley*.)

The Marquess of Londonderry 381

On Question, Amendment negatived.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Lord Stanley of Alderley 382

Amendment moved—

"After Clause 1, to insert as a new clause, 'The Board of Education shall cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament in every year a special report stating the cases in which they have made any order under this Act during the preceding year, and their reasons for making such order.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley*.)

The Marquess of Londonderry 382
The Marquess of Ripon 382
The Marquess of Londonderry 383
The Earl of Crewe 383
Lord Stanley of Alderley 383

On Question, Amendment negatived.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendment. Standing Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª to-morrow.

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The Earl of Aberdeen 384
The Marquess of Lansdowne 385

House adjourned during pleasure; and resumed by the Earl Waldegrave.

Anglo-French Convention Bill, (No 199); Isle of Man (Customs) Bill (No. 200); Irish Land Bill (No. 201); Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (No. 202); Prisons (Scotland) Bill (No. 203); Public Works Loans Bill (No. 204); Wireless Telegraphy Bill (No. 205). Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª to-morrow 388

House adourned at ten minutes past Eight o'clock, till To-morrow, Twelve o'clock.

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The House met at Twelve of the Clock.

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		1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	Indoor paupers, including insane, in workhouses and vagrants.	Outdoor paupers.	Paupers of all classes.	Outdoor relief.	Total expenditure on relief of the poor.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland for the making out of a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Cork in the room of William O'Brien, esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Bonenham, and Desborough, in the County of Buckingham.—(*Mr. Tully.*)

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Considered in Committee.

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[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

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Resolution to be reported.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

Considered in Committee.

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Bill reported, without Amendment; to be read the third time To-morrow.

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Mr. Austen Chamberlain 487
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Clause 2 agreed to.

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ANGLO-FRENCH (CONVENTION) EXPENSES.—Resolution reported, "That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the moneys provided by Parliament of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, and any expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect."

Mr. Gibson Bowles (Lynn Regis) 489
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Anglo-French Convention Bill.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

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Resolution agreed to. 492

Public Work Loans Bill.

Considered in Committee.

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Bill reported, without Amendment; Bill read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Lough (Islington, W.) 494

Amendment moved to the Bill—

"In Clause 1, page 1, line 9, to leave out the words 'with the consent of the Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Board of Trade.'"—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

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Lord Wolverton 520

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^{a}."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

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The Marquess of Ripon 508

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Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at thirteen minutes after Two o'clock till Monday next.

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Burton-upon-Trent (County Borough).—For uniting the parishes of Burton-upon-Trent, Burton Extra, Horninglow, Stapenhill, and Winshill to form the parish of Burton-upon-Trent ;

Cardiff (County Borough).—For uniting the parishes of St. John, St. Mary, Roath, and Canton to form the parish of Cardiff ;

Chester.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Handforth into the Handforth Urban District ;

Cornwall.—For the conversion of a portion of the rural parish of Antony into the urban district of Torpoint, and for the constitution of that portion of the parish a new parish, to be known as the parish of Torpoint ;

Derby.—For transferring a part of the township of Great Longstone to the parish and urban district of Bakewell ;

Derby.—For the division of the parish of Pleasley into the two parishes of Pleasely and Shirebrook ;

Derby and Stafford.—For transferring part of the parish of Rolleston to the township of Marston-on-Dove and the rural district of Repton ;

Essex.—For altering the boundary between the parishes of South Weald and Great Warley, and the rural districts of Romford and Billericay ;

Glamorgan.—For uniting the parishes of Neath Higher and Neath Middle to form the parish of Neath Higher ;

Hertford.—For transferring part of the parish of Watford Rural to the parish of Watford Urban and the urban district of Watford ;

Lancaster, West Riding of Yorkshire and Burnley (County Borough).—For uniting the township of Heyhouses with parts of the townships of Goldshaw Booth, Higham with West Close Booth, Northtown, Read, Pendleton, and Wiswell to form the township of Sabden ;

Leeds (County Borough)—

(*a*) For uniting the townships of Armley, Bramley, Wortley, and Farnley to form the township of Armley and Bramley ;

(*b*) For uniting the townships of Holbeck and Beeston to form the township of Holbeck ;

(*c*) For uniting the townships of Leeds, Headingley-cum-Burley, Potternewton, and Chapel Allerton to form the township of Leeds ;

Leicester.—For uniting the parishes of Thurmaston North and Thurmaston South to form the parish of Thurmaston ;

Lincoln (Parts of Holland and Parts of Lindsey).—For transferring parts of the parish of Coningsby to the township of Langriville;

Middlesex.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Feltham into the Urban District of Feltham;

Monmouth.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Mynyddislwyn into the urban district of Mynyddislywn;

Norfolk.—For the definition of the boundaries of the parish and urban district of New Hunstanton;

Somerset.—For the division of the parish of Meare into the parishes of Godney and Meare;

Southampton.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Fleet into the urban district of Fleet;

Stafford.—For the division of the parish of Sedgley into the parishes of Sedgley and Croseley;

Stafford.—For the conversion of the rural parishes of Wolstanton, Silverdale, and Chesterton into the Wolstanton United Urban District, for the extension of the urban districts of Kidsgrove, Smallthorne, and Tunstall, and for the abolition of the Wolstanton Rural District.

Stafford, Worcester, and Birmingham (County Borough).—For uniting an area formerely part of the parish of Beoley with the parish of Redditch;

Suffolk, East.—For the conversion of parts of the rural parishes of Carlton Colville and Oulton into the urban district of Oulton Broad, and for the division of the parishes into the parishes of Carlton Colville, Oulton, and Oulton Broad;

Westmorland.—For the conversion of part of the rural parish of Shap into the urban district of Shap, and for the division of the parish into the parishes of Shap Rural and Shap Urban;

Yorkshire, North Riding of.—For altering the boundary between the townships of Snape and Well;

Yorkshire, West Riding of.—For transferring a part of the township of Newall-with-Clifton to the urban district and township of Otley;

Part II. Order under Section 59 of the Act, as confirmed by the Local Government Board, of the following county council:—

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Public Health [H.L.] - - - -	*Mr. Walter Long* -	Committee Report Read 3ª and passed } Aug. 10 [138] *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
*Public Works Loans - - - -	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	Read 2ª, Aug. 11 [332]. Committee Report Read 3ª, and passed } Aug. 12 [492]. *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
Railways (Private Sidings) - - -	*Sir John Brunner* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
Reformatories and Industrial Schools (Scotland) - - - - - -	*Mr. Cochrane* - -	Committee Report Read 3ª, and passed } Aug. 11 [333]. *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
Registration of Clubs (Ireland) - -	*Mr. O'Neill* - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
*Reserve Forces [H.L.] - - - -	*Mr. Arnold-Forster* -	Bill withdrawn, Aug. 10 [138].
*Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters [H.L.] - - - - -	*Mr. Arnold-Forster* -	Bill withdrawn, Aug. 10 [148].
*Shop Hours - - - - -	*Mr. Cochrane* - -	Consideration Read 3ª, and passed } Aug. 10 [138]. *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
University of Liverpool - - -	*Sir John Brunner* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
Weights and Measures - - -	*Mr. Bousfield* - -	Consideration Read 3ª, and passed } Aug. 11 [338]. *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
*Whale Fisheries (Scotland) - - -	*Mr. A. Graham Murray* - -	Read 2ª, Aug. 10 [137]. Bill withdrawn, Aug. 12 [496].
Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (St. Kilda) - - - -	*Sir Herbert Maxwell* - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
*Wireless Telegraphy - - - -	*Lord Stanley* - -	Read 2ª, Aug. 10 [137]. Committee, Aug. 11 [335]. Report Read 3ª, and passed } Aug. 12 [494]. *Royal Assent*, Aug. 15 [562].
Women's Enfranchisement - - -	*Mr. Crooks* - -	Read 1º, Aug. 15 [562].

PUBLIC BILLS DEALT WITH IN SESSION 1904.

*Those marked thus * are Government Bills.*

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
Aged Pensioners [17]	*Mr. Remnant*	Committee [*Dropped*].
Aged Pensioners (No. 2) [23]	*Mr. Goulding*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools [67]	*Mr. Jesse Collings*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Agricultural Holdings [36]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading, Wed. Aug. 17.
*Aliens [147]	*Mr. Secretary Akers Douglas*	Reported from the Standing Committee on Law, etc., July 7.
*Alkali, &c., Works [202]	*Mr. Walter Long*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 11.
*Anglo-French Convention [205]	*Earl Percy*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Architects' Registration [204]	*Mr. Atherley-Jones*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Army (Annual) [132]	*Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*	*Royal Assent*, April 28.
*Army Council [Lords] [296]	*Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 11.
Bills of Exchange [80]	*Sir William Holland*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment [Lords] 257]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 9.
*Bishopric of Bristol [Lords] [155]	*Mr. Secretary Akers Douglas*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
*Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham [136]	*Mr. Balfour*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Canal Traffic [79]	*Sir William Holland*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Capital Expenditure (Money) [292]	*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Carriers Act (1830) Amendment [227]	*Mr. Bill*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) [162]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Chartered Societies [160]	*Sir John Rolleston*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Church (Discipline) [20]	*Sir John Willox*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Coal Mines (Employment) [57]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Coal Mines Regulation [42]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) [103]	*Mr. Haldane*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Collegiate Charges (Scotland) [129]	*Mr. James Campbell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Colonial Marriages [31]	*General Laurie*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15
Conciliation and Arbitration Act (1896) Amendment [122]	*Mr. Bell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Congested Districts (Scotland) [109]	*Mr. Graham Murray*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment [74]	*Mr. Ainsworth*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Consolidated Fund (No. 1)	*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*	*Royal Assent*, Mar. 29.
*Consolidated Fund (Appropriation)	*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Conspiracy (Ireland) [52]	*Mr. Doogan*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Constabulary (Ireland) [192]	*Mr. Wyndham*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Contempt of Court (Ireland) [50]	*Mr. Sheehy*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) [38]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
Cottage Homes [87]	*Mr. John Hutton*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*County Courts [Lords] [291]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) [221]	*Sir Albert Rollit*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
County of Suffolk [234]	*Sir Cuthbert Quilter*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Criminal Aliens [270]	*Sir Howard Vincent*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Criminal New Trials [297]	*Mr. Bousfield*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) [115]	*Mr. Leveson-Gower*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment [85]	*Mr. Weir*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment [73]	*Mr. Ainsworth*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Crown Lands [239]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
*Cunard Agreement (Money) [293]	*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Dean Forest [203] [247]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Dogs [90]	*Mr. Fellowes*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Drunkenness (Ireland) [250]	*Mr. Hugh Law*	Committee (*Progress*) [*Dropped*].
Easement of Light [54]	*Mr. Fletcher Moulton*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Education (Local Authority Default) [167]	*Sir William Anson*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Education (Scotland) [144]	*Mr. Graham Murray*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8
*Electric Lighting (London) [69] [237]	*Mr. Gerald Balfour*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Expiring Laws Continuance [290]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment [61]	*Mr. Tennant*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
False Characters [142]	*Mr. Skewes-Cox*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*False Statements (Companies) [96]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 9.
*Finance [176] [276]	*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1.
Foreign Marriages [97]	*Mr. Macdona*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Foreign Trawlers Regulation [110]	*Mr. Black*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities [28]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	*Withdrawn*, Mar. 14.
Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities (No. 2) [133]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Government Ships [211]	*Mr. Pretyman*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Hall-marking of Foreign Plate [13] [157]	*Mr. Samuel Roberts*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
Highways [45]	*Mr. Henry Hobhouse*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Home Industries [64]	*Colonel Denny*	*Withdrawn*, June 8.
House-letting (Scotland) [76]	*Mr. Alexander Cross*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Housing of the Working Classes, &c., [92].	*Mr. Nannetti*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) [207]	*Sir Walter Foster*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Indian Councils [148]	*Mr Secretary Brodrick*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Infant Life Protection Act (1897) Amendment [131]	*Mr Spear*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Irish Land [120] [302]	*Mr. Wyndham*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Irish Lights Board [51]	*Captain Donelan*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Irish Tobacco [29]	*Mr. William Redmond*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Isle of Man (Customs) [269]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) [215]	*Mr. Wyndham*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Jurors' Expenses [77]	*Mr. Lloyd Morgan*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Jury Acts (Ireland) [49]	*Mr. John Campbell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Justices of the Peace [Lords] [134]	*Mr. Secretary Akers Douglas*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 9.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
Juvenile Smoking [295]	*Mr. Rigg*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Labourers (Ireland) [121]	*Mr. Wyndham*	Reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, &c., July 27
Lands Valuation (Scotland) [58]	*Mr. M'Crae*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Land Tax Commissioners' Names [232]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Land Values (Assessment and Rating) [3]	*Mr. Trevelyan*	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal [*Dropped*].
Land Values Taxation (Scotland) [75]	*Mr. Caldwell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Leasehold Enfranchisement [14]	*General Laurie*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Leeds University [280]	*Mr. Barran*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Licensing [159] [271] [283] [298]	*Mr. Secretary Akers Douglas*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Light Railways [Lords] [284]	*Mr. Gerald Balfour*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 12
Liquor Sellers' Liability [158]	*Sir Wilfrid Lawson*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Liquor Traffic Local Veto [93]	*Mr. Whittaker*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) [25]	*Mr. Hunter Craig*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) [68]	*Mr Herbert Roberts*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation [88]	*Captain Jessel*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) [104]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Authorities (Taxation and Purchase of Land) [30]	*Mr. Logan*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) [151]	*Mr Victor Cavendish*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Local Government Act (1888) Amendment [130]	*Mr. Spear*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment [9]	*Mr. Field*	*2nd Reading negatived*, April 29.
Local Government (Scotland) [181]	*Mr. Maxwell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment [112]	*Mr. Cathcart Wason*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Local Taxation [21]	*Mr. Cripps*	*Withdrawn*, April 28.
*Lunacy [210]	**Mr Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
*Marine Insurance [233]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Market Gardeners' Compensation [143]	*Colonel Long*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister [7]	*Mr. Charles Seely*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment [100]	*Mr. Kimber*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment [Lords] [267]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Medical Act (1886) Amendment [32]	*General Laurie*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Merchandise Marks [33]	*Sir Howard Vincent*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Merchandise Marks (No. 2) [172]	*Sir Howard Vincent*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Merchant Shipping [128]	*Mr. Runciman*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Merchant Shipping [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, July 8.
Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) [11]	*Mr. Plummer*	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal [*Dropped*].
*Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) [55]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, Mar. 29.
Mines (Eight Hours) [12]	*Mr. Osmond Williams*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Ministry of Commerce [15]	*Mr. Louis Sinclair*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Mortgage of Premises [78]	*Sir William Holland*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Municipal Corporations [94]	*Mr. Cripps*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Municipal Franchise (Companies) [222]	*Sir Albert Rollit*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Musical Copyright [1] [137]	*Mr. Mount*	As amended by the Standing Committee to be further considered [*Dropped*].
*Naval and Military Medals [Lords] [243]	*Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 9.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Naval Prize [Lords] [146]	*Mr. Attorney-General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
*Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) [201]	*Mr. Lee*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Newcastle Chapter (Amendment) [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, Mar. 3.
Nurses [59]	*Dr. Farquharson*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) [114]	*Mr. Claude Hay*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Old Age Pensions [24]	*Mr. Spear*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Old Age Pensions (No. 2) [37]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Old Age Pensions (No. 3) [108]	*Sir James Rankin*	*Withdrawn*, May 6.
Open Spaces [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, July 4.
Out-door Relief (Friendly Societies) [5]	*Mr. Reginald Lucas*	*Withdrawn*, Feb. 10.
Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) No. 2 [106]	*Mr. Gretton*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) No. 3) [188]	*Sir Edward Strachey*	*Withdrawn*, June 3.
Parliamentary Voters and Elections [102]	*Mr. John Sinclair*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Parliamentary Voters Registration [189]	*Mr. Cremer*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Penal Servitude [86]	*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Pharmacy [101]	*Mr. Lough*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Police (Superannuation) [82] [173]	*Mr. Cochrane*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Polling Arrangements (Parliamentary Boroughs) [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, Mar. 8.
Polling Districts (County Councils) [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, Mar. 8.
*Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) [Lords] [294]	*Mr. Walter Long*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) Superannuation [154]	*Mr. T. W. Russell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) [206]	*Mr. Maxwell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) [95]	*Mr. O'Malley*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Port of London (Session 1903) [193]	*Mr. Gerald Balfour*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Port Sanitary Authorities Expenses [226]	*Mr. Plummer*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Post Office [268]	*Lord Stanley*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Post Office Sites [219] [288]	*Lord Stanley*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Prevention of Corruption [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, May 19.
Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) [Lords] [139]	*Mr. H. D. Greene*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams [22]	*Sir Francis Powell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Prisons (Scotland) [126]	*Mr. Graham Murray*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) [19]	*Mr. Vaughan-Davies*	Reported from Select Committee without Amendment, July 7.
Prize Courts [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, May 19.
*Provisional Order (Marriages) [81]	*Mr. Cochrane*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Public Entertainment [228]	*Captain Jessel*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Public Health [Lords] [287]	*Mr. Walter Long*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Public Libraries [60]	*Mr. Tennant*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Public Libraries Acts (Extension) [56]	*Mr. Kenyon*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Public Trustee (34)	*Sir Howard Vincent*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Public Works Loans [289]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Purchase of Land (England and Wales) [66]	*Mr. Jesse Collings*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Railways and Steamships (Parliamentary Facilities) [282]	*Mr. Crooks*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
Railways (Private Sidings [4] [156]	*Sir John Brunner*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Rating of Machinery [83]	*Mr. Chapman*	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal, [*Dropped*].
*Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) [107]	*Mr. Cochrane*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Registration of Clubs (Ireland) [10] [223] [285]	*Mr. O'Neill*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Registration of Firms [72]	*Mr. Emmott*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Reserve Forces [286]	*Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 10.
Resident Magistrates (Belfast) [70]	*Sir James Haslett*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Re-vaccination [18]	*Sir John Tuke*	*Withdrawn*, May 6.
Re-vaccination [Lords] [ ]	- - - - -	*Brought from the Lords*, Aug. 8.
Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal [46]	*Mr. M'Kean*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Sale of Butter [89]	*Mr. Fellowes*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Sale of Whisky [113]	*Sir Herbert Maxwell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Sale of Intoxicants to Children [Lords] [ ]	- - - - -	*Brought from the Lords* May 6.
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (Ireland) [35]	*Mr. Sloan*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday [26]	*Mr. Perks*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Savings Banks Acts Amendment [39] [174]	*Sir Albert Rollit*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1.
School Board Electorate (Scotland) [84]	*Mr. Weir*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Sea Fisheries [Lords] [212]	*Mr. Fellowes*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4
*Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters [Lords] [236]	*Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 10
Shipowners' Negligence (Remedies) [220]	*Sir Harry Samuel*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Shop Hours [165] [235]	*Mr. Cochrane*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Shops [27]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Site for Duke of York's School [Lords] [145]	*Lord Balcarres*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 8.
Small Dwellings (Acquisition) [44]	*Sir Thomas Wrightson*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Small Holders (Scotland) [40]	*Mr. Black*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Small Holdings [65]	*Mr. Jesse Collings*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Solicitors [197]	*Mr. Attorney General*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) [138]	*Mr. John Johnson*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Street Betting [Lords] [230]	*Mr. Edmund Robertson*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Street Traffic Regulation [229]	*Mr. Shackleton*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment [41]	*Mr. Herbert Roberts*	Adjourned Debate on 2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Sunday Trading (Scotland) [175]	*Mr. Cameron Corbett*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Supply of Electricity [Lords] [ ]		*Brought from the Lords*, Aug. 11.
Teinds (Scotland) [127]	*Mr. Maxwell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Telegraph (Construction) [231]	*Lord Stanley*	*Withdrawn*, July 22.
*Telegraph (Money) [135]	*Lord Stanley*	*Royal Assent*, Mar. 29.
Tied Houses [119]	*Mr. Broadhurst*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Tied Houses (Freeing) [125]	*Mr. Rea*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Town and County Councils (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) [99]	*Mr. Parker Smith*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Town Holdings [116]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Town Tenants (Ireland) [2]	*Mr. MacVeagh*	*2nd Reading put off for six months*, Mar. 4.
Trade Marks [53]	*Mr. Fletcher Moulton*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Trade Unions and Trade Disputes [8]	*Mr. Paulton*	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal [*Dropped*].

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
Trade Unions and Trade Disputes (No 2) [91]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Trawlers' Certificates Suspension [111].	*Mr. Harmsworth*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation [16]	*Mr. Price*	Reported from a Select Committee without Amendment, July 19.
University of Liverpool [259]	*Sir John Brunner*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Vaccination [118]	*Mr. Broadhurst*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Vaccination Prosecutions [105]	*Mr. Channing*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Vagrancy [124]	*Sir John Gorst*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Vagrants' Children Protection [98]	*Mr. Hay*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
*Valuation [166]	*Mr. Walter Long*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 4.
Valuation (No. 2) [249]	*Mr. John Hutton*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
Wages Boards [47]	*Sir Charles Dilke*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].
Weights and Measures [6] [191]	*Mr. Bousfield*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Weights and Measures (Metric System) [Lords] [225]	*Sir William Holland*	2nd Reading, Mon. Aug. 15.
*Whale Fisheries (Scotland) [Lords] [299]	*Mr. Graham Murray*	*Withdrawn*, Aug. 12.
Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment [48]	*Mr. Sydney Buxton*	*Royal Assent*, April 28.
Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (St. Kilda) [248]	*Sir Herbert Maxwell*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Winter Assizes (Ireland) [71]	*Sir James Haslett*	2nd Readng [*Dropped*].
Wireless Telegraphy [275] [303]	*Lord Stanley*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
Workmen's Compensation [123]	*Mr. Bell*	2nd Reading [*Dropped*].

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Provisional Orders when reported not confirmed or not proceeded with are printed in Italics.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation [Lords] [238]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order [163]	*Mr. Fellowes* - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order [164]	*Mr. Fellowes* - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22
*Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order [Farney Bridge and Ballynahow Drainage District in the county of Tipperary] [213]	*Mr. Victor Cavendish*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham) [Lords] [224]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Education Board Provisional Order [Cardiff *and Newport* (*Monmouthshire*)] [179]	*Sir William Anson*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) [Lords] [200]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Education Board Provisional Order (Swansea) [199]	*Sir William Anson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) [Barry, Clitheroe, Gainsborough, Glastonbury, Heysham, Kirby-in-Ashfield, Saffron Walden, Walmer, Whickham, and Yardley [141]	*Mr. Bonar Law*	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) [Bath Rural District, Brynmawr, Chippanham, Eastleigh and Bishopstoke, Hanwell, Southgate Urban District, Tamworth, Walton-le-Dale, Watford, and Widnes (Amendment)] [Lords] [260]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) [Birkenhead (Extension), Bishop Auckland (Amendment), Huddersfield (Extension to Golcar), Maidenhead (Extensions), Milford-on-Sea, Newquay, Penzance, Ramsgate, Sunderland Districts, and Tavistock] [Lords] [274]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) [Ashford (Kent), Ely, Ham, Hexham, Horley, Keynsham (Somerset), Kingswood, Newton Abbot (Extension), Teignmouth (Amendment), and Walton-upon-Thames] [Lords] [261]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) [Musselburgh, Portpatrick and Wishaw] [Lords] [246]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) [Clevedon, Portishead and Long Ashton, Crediton, Devizes, Hampton Wick and District, Houghton-le-Spring and District, the Maldens and Coombe, Northampton and District, Stroud, Nailsworth and Dursley and Trowbridge (Urban), Bradford-on-Avon (Urban), and Bradford-on-Avon (Rural)] [Lords] [262]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) [Barrhead, Bothwell, Eastwood and Cathcart, Johnstone, Kilpatrick, Lanark, Renfrew, and Shettlestone] [195]	*Mr. Bonar Law* -	3rd Reading [*Dropped*]
*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) [Caerphilly, Epsom Rural District (Cheam), Mansfield Woodhouse, North Worcestershire (Bromsgrove Urban), *Stroud, Nailsworth and Durley*, and Sutton-in-Ashfield] [198]	*Mr. Bonar Law* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Gas and Water Orders Confirmation [Rainham, Sevenoaks, Southwold, Wetherby District, and Meldreth and Melbourn] [Lords] [264]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) [Bognor, Elham Valley, Elstree and Boreham Wood, Finedon, and Godalming] [Lords] [263]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) [Grays, Hedon, Northampton, Rochford, and Romford [Lords] [241]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) [St. Margaret's, Stirling, Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt, Worsbroughdale and Worsbrough, and Worthing] [Lords] [242]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation [Lords] [219]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Land Drainage Provisional Order [Owston and West Butterick, in the county of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsey)] [180]	*Mr. Fellowes*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) [Urban Districts of Blackrock, Clonmel, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack, Kingston, Nenagh, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathgar, Templemore and Thurles, and Counties of Dublin and Tipperary (North and South Ridings) [177]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) [the Bangor and Newtownards, and the county of Cork United Districts and the ports of New Ross and Waterford] [178]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) [Castlerea (Rural), Midleton (Rural), North Dnblin (Rural), and Westport] [187]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) [the Rural Districts of Rathdown (No. 1) and Rathdown (No. 2)] [194]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) [279]	*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) [Ashton-in-Makerfield, Brighton, Manchester, Nelson, Scarborough, and Sunderland] [140]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) [Brixham, Coventry, Liverpool, Ripon, and Southwark, and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital District] [149]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Local Govermen tProvisional Orders (No. 3) [the Earsdon, the Hanley, Stoke, Fenton, and Longton, the Henley and Wallingford, the Wallingford and Crowmarsh, and the Whitchurch and District Joint Hospital Districts] [152]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) [Portsmouth] [153]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) [Bradford (Yorkshire), Ealing, Eaton Bray (Rural), Glastonbury, Rhyl, and the Fylde Water Board District] [161]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) [Counties of Lancaster, and Rutland and Surrey] [168]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) [Godalming, Haworth, North Allerton and Tipton] [169]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) [Kingswood, West Ham and the Knighton and Teme, the North-East Durham, and the South Shields Rural and Southwick-on-Wear Joint Hospital Districts] [170]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) [Bolton, Congleton, Keighley, Newton-in-Mackerfield, Oswestry, and Wisbech] [182]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) [Chiswick, East Ham, Great Crosby, and York] [183] [258]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) [Guildford, New Sarum, and the county of Wilts] [184]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) [the Ashton-under-Lyne and District, the Congleton and District, and the Wath, Swinton, and District, Joint Hospital Districts] [185]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) [Blackpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, and Wigan] [186] [272]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) [Brighouse, Pwllheli, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Worthing, and the North Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District] [190]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) [Cardiff] [196]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) [East Dereham and Neyland] [171]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) [Stourbridge Union] [150]	*Mr. Grant Lawson* -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) Provisional Order [Farnborough Common, Broad Street Green, Leach's Green, and Green Street Green] [63]	*Mr. Fellowes* - -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Metropolitan Common Scheme (Hillingdon East) Provisional Order [Norman's or No Man's Land, Hillingdon East] [62]	*Mr. Fellowes* - -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Metropolitan Police Provisional Order [Islington, Tottenham, Putney, and Woolwich] [117]	*Mr. Cochrane* - -	*Royal Assent*, June 24.
*Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) [Wexford] [Lords] [214]	- - - -	*Royal, Assent* July 22.
*Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) [Hartlepool and Waterford] [208]	*Mr. Gerald Balfour*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) [Islay]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) [Lords] [252]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1.
*Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) [Altrincham, Calverley, Crompton, Plymouth, Rochdale, Royton, and Wardle] [Lords] [265]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) [Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Spennymoor, Dewsbury Corporation, East Ham Urban District Council, Ossett Corporation, Sunderland Corporation, and West Ham Corporation] [Lords] [253]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Water Orders Confirmation [Bradfield, Cholderton and District, Elham Valley, Frimley and Farnborough, and North Sunderland] [Lords] [266	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.

BILLS COMMITTED

TO

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, &c.

Musical Copyright [1]. Reported, Mar. 24.

Hall-marking of Foreign Plate [13]. Reported, April 20.

Weights and Measures [6]. Reported, May 10.

*Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham [136]. Reported, May 16.

*Aliens [147]. Reported [not proceeded with], July 7.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, &c.

Railways (Private Sidings) [4]. Reported, April 19.

Savings Banks Acts Amendment [39]. Reported, May 3.

*Police (Superannuation) [82]. Reported, May 3.

Registration of Clubs (Ireland) [10] Reported, June 9.

*Shops Hours [165]. Reported, June 21.

*Labourers (Ireland) [121]. Reported [not proceeded with], July 27.

CONFIRMATION BILLS UNDER THE PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1899.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Aberdeen City Improvements Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1
*Airdrie Corporation Gas Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22
*Arbroath Corporation Water Order Confirmation [244]	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1
*Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation [Lords] [255]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22
*Dumbartonshire (Vale of Leven) Water Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1
*Dumbarton Tramways Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Mar. 29
*Dundee, Broughty Ferry and District Tramways Order Confirmation [216]	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation [245]	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1
*Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation [Lords] [256]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22
*Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation [240]	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, etc.) Confirmation [Lords] [278]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Govan Corporation Order Confirmation [Lords] [254]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22
*Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation [Lords] [277]	- - - -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15
*Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation [43]	*The Lord Advocate*	*Royal Assent*, Mar. 29
*Kirkcaldy Corporation Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*Leith Burgh Order Confirmation [217]	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation [209]	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.

Title of Bill.	Brought in by	Progress.
*Melrose District Water Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 1.
*Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation [218]	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Newburgh and North Fife Railway (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, Aug. 15.
*North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Paisley District Tramways Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.
*Perth Corporation Order Confirmation	*The Lord Advocate* -	*Royal Assent*, July 15.
*Wishaw Corporation Order Confirmation [Lords]	- - - - -	*Royal Assent*, July 22.

LIST OF PRIVATE BILLS AND PROCEEDINGS THEREUPON.

NOTE.—*The Bills marked thus * are Scotch Bills. The Bills marked thus † are Irish Bills. The Bills marked thus ‡ are Welsh Bills. The Bills marked thus § are not to be further proceeded with.*

NAME.	Bill read first time.	Day fixed for second reading.	Bill read second time.	Committee to which Bills are referred.	Bill reported.	Bill read third time.	Royal Assent.
Acton Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	Mar. 25	Apr. 15	June 24
‡Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway [Lords]	May 17	June 14	June 14	Group 11	June 30	July 26	Aug. 15
Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water	Feb. 4	Mar. 22 Evening	Mar. 22 Sitting	Group G	Apr. 13	Apr. 22	June 24
Appleby Corporation Gas [Lords]	Mar. 15	Mar. 28	Mar. 28	Unopposed	Apr. 14	Apr. 25	Apr. 28
Arlesey Gas	Feb. 4	Withdrawn	—	—	—	—	—
Baker Street and Waterloo Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Group 4	Mar. 17	Apr. 28 Evening Sitting	July 22
Barnard Castle Gas [Lords]	Apr. 22	May 9	May 9	Unopposed	May 17	June 21	June 24
Barnard Castle Urban District Gas [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barnet District Gas and Water	Feb. 4	Mar. 23 Evening	Mar. 23 Sitting	Group G	Apr. 22	May 3	Aug. 15
Barrow-in-Furness Corporation [Lords]	Apr. 21	June 7	June 7	Group H	June 22	July 11	July 22
‡Barry Railway (Extension of Time, etc.) [Lords]	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 12	Unopposed	Apr. 22	May 2	June 24
‡Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) [Lords]	June 27	July 6	July 6	Group M	July 27	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
†Belfast and North-East Ireland Electricity and Power Gas [Lords]	July 15	July 26	July 26	Unopposed	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
†Belfast Corporation (Tramways) [Lords]	June 13	July 19 Evening	July 19 Sitting	Unopposed	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
Bexhill Corporation [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bexhill Water and Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	Group A	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	July 22
Birkdale Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	Mar. 18	Apr. 12	July 22
Bishop's Stortford and District Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Group A	Mar. 14	Mar. 28	June 24

Blyth and Cowpen Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	Feb. 26	Mar. 8	June 24
Bournemouth Corporation Tramways [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 7	July 21	Aug. 1
Bridlington Corporation [Lords]	June 30	July 11	July 11	Police, &c.	July 25	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Bristol Corporation [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 7	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Bristol Tramways (Extensions) [Lords]	June 28	July 11	July 11	Unopposed	July 28	Aug. 9	Aug. 15
Brixham Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Apr. 12	June 24
Brymbo Water	Feb. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Unopposed	May 6	May 17	July 22
Buxton Urban District Council [Lords]	July 7	July 18	July 18	Unopposed	July 28	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
‖Cambrian Railways [Lords]	Mar. 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	May 6	May 17	June 24
‡Cardiff Railway [Lords]	May 13	May 31	May 31	Group 11	June 30	July 28	Aug. 15
Carlisle Corporation	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	May 11	June 3	Aug. 15
Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Group 4	Mar. 22	Apr. 15	July 22
Cheshire Electricity and Power Gas	Feb. 4	On Motion	Feb. 15	Group C	Apr. 21	Preamble	not proved
Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) [Lords]	Apr. 22	May 4	May 4	Unopposed	May 12	June 1	June 24
Chesterfield Gas and Water Board [Lords]	May 5	May 16	May 16	Unopposed	June 2	June 13	June 24
Chippenham Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Group B	Mar. 9	Mar. 24	June 24
City of London (Central Criminal Court-House)	May 5	May 10	May 10	Unopposed	June 17	June 21	July 22
*Clyde Navigation (Shieldhall Dock) (*Substituted Bill*)	Feb. 22	Mar. 8	Withdrawn.	—	—	—	—
*Clyde Navigation (Works) (*Substituted Bill*)	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Group H	June 13	June 21	Aug. 15
*Clyde Valley Electrical Power [Lords] (*Substituted Bill*)	May 6	May 17	May 17	Unopposed	June 24	July 7	July 22
Colney Hatch Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Unopposed	Mar. 25	Apr. 15	June 24
Corbridge Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	Mar. 4	Mar. 17	June 24
Corporation of London (Southwark and other Bridges)	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Group E	Apr. 14	Parties do	not proceed
Coulsdon Tramways [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Croydon Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	Unopposed	Mar 18	Mar. 29	June 24
Crystal Palace District Gas (Changed to "South Suburban Gas")	Feb. 4	Apr. 12	Apr. 12	Unopposed	Apr. 29	May 10	July 22
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power [Lords]	May 13	May 31	May 31	Unopposed	June 17	June 28	July 22
Derwent Valley Water Board [Lords]	June 13	June 22	June 22	Unopposed	July 1	July 28	Aug. 15
Doncaster Corporation	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	Apr. 26	May 6	July 22
†Donegal Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Unopposed	Apr. 22	May 3	July 22
De Trafford Estate [Lords] (*see* "Trafford (De) Estate [Lords]")	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Argentine Railway [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East London and Lower Thames Electric Power	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	Group C	Apr. 15	Preamble	not proved
Ebbw Vale Urban District Water [Lords]	May 2	May 11	May 11	Unopposed	July 1	July 21	Aug. 1
Edwardes Square Protection [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elysée Palace Hotel Company [Lords]	Mar. 29	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	May 6	May 31	June 24

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Felixstowe Gas	Feb. 4	Mar. 2	Mar. 2	Unopposed	Mar. 11	Mar. 22	Aug. 15
Filey Improvement [Lords]	May 19	June 7	June 7	Police, &c (Section B)	June 30	July 8	July 22
Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	Withdrawn	—	—	—	—
Gomersal Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	Mar. 11	Mar. 22	June 24
Gosport Water [Lords]	Mar. 28	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	Apr. 29	May 16 Evening Sitting	June 24
*Govan Burgh (Electricity) [Lords] (*Substituted Bill*)	Mar. 15	Mar. 28	Mar. 28	Unopposed	May 17	May 31	June 24
Great Central and Midland Joint Railways	Feb. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Mar. 28	July 22
Great Central Railway	Feb. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Group 1	Apr. 20	Apr. 29	July 22
Great Eastern Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 17	Feb. 17	Group 2	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	July 22
Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats)	Feb. 4	Feb. 17	Feb. 17	Unopposed	Mar. 4	Mar. 17	June 24
Great Northern and City Railway (Extension of Time)	Feb. 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Unopposed	Mar. 4	Mar. 14	June 24
Great Northern Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Mar. 29	July 22
Great Western Railway [Lords]	May 19	June 7	June 7	Group 10	July 12	July 28	Aug. 15
Great Yarmouth Corporation [Lords]	May 13	May 31	May 31	Police, &c. Section B	June 29	Aug. 2	Aug. 15
Hampton-in-Arden Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Unopposed	Feb. 26	Mar. 11	June 24
Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas [Lords]	Mar. 22	Apr. 18	Apr. 18	Unopposed	May 6	May 19	June 24
Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad [Lords]	May 5	May 16	May 16	Unopposed	July 1	July 21	Aug. 1
Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Group 3	Mar. 18	Apr. 29	July 22
†Holywood Tramways [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 7	July 21	Aug. 15
Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment) [Lords]	Mar. 28	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	Apr. 27	May 6	June 24
Humber Commercial Railway and Dock	Feb. 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Group 1	Apr. 20	Apr. 29	July 22
*Hutchesons' Hospital and Hutchesons' Educational Trust [Lords] (*Substituted Bill*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	-
Ilford Urban District Council [Lords]	July 4	July 13	July 13	Police, &c.	July 27	Aug. 4	Aug. 15
Ipswich Dock Commission [Lords]	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 12	Unopposed	Apr. 22	May 5	June 24
Isle of Thanet Light Railways [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jaeger's (Richard) Patent [Lords]	June 9	June 20	June 20	Unopposed	July 1	July 12	July 22
Kettering Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 10	Feb. 10	Police, &c.	Mar. 10	Mar. 22	June 24
King's College Hospital [Lords]	June 14	June 27	June 27	Unopposed	July 22	Aug. 2	Aug. 15

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Unopposed	Mar. 4	Mar. 24	June 24
*Kirkcaldy Corporation (Part V.) (*Substituted Bill*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels)	Feb. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Group 7	Apr. 25	May 5	Aug. 15
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers)	Feb. 4	Mar. 17 Evening	Mar. 17 Sitting	Group 7	Apr. 26	May 16	Aug. 1
Lancashire Electric Power [Lords]	Apr. 29	May 9	May 9	Unopposed	June 17	June 21	June 24
Leeds Corporation (Consolidation)	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	July 19	July 25	Suspended in the House of Lords.
Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway [Lords]	May 5	May 16	May 16	Unopposed	July 22	Aug. 2	Aug. 15
Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power [Lords]	May 13	May 31	May 31	Unopposed	June 17	June 27	July 22
Leyton Urban District Council	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Section A	June 10	June 20	Aug. 15
Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Electric Power	Feb. 4	Feb. 12	Feb. 12	Withdrawn.	—	—	—
Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Group B	Mar. 9	Mar. 21	June 24
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company [Lords]	Mar. 28	Apr. 26 Evening	Apr. 26 Sitting	Unopposed	May 12	May 31	June 24
Liverpool and Wigan Churches [Lords]	June 13	June 28	June 28	Unopposed	July 7	July 11	July 22
‡Llanelly Harbour [Lords]	May 6	May 16	May 16	Group J	June 15	July 14	July 22
Loch Leven Water Power (*Substituted Bill*)	June 7	June 20	June 20	Group K	July 5	July 11	Aug. 15
London and India Docks Company	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Group 6	May 5	May 17	Aug. 15
London and North Western Railway	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Unopposed	Mar. 25	Apr. 18	July 22
London, Camberwell, and Dulwich Tramways	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Group 5	Apr. 26	Preamble not proved.	
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway [Lords]	Mar. 15	Mar. 28	Mar. 28	Unopposed	Apr. 14	Apr. 18	Apr. 28
London County Council (General Powers)	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	June 21	July 1	Aug. 15
London County Council (Money)	Apr. 18	Apr. 27	Apr. 27	Unopposed	June 2	June 13	July 22
London County Council (Tramways and Improvements)	Feb. 18	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Group 5	May 17	June 13	Aug. 15
London Port and Docks	Feb. 4	July 11	Withdrawn.	—	—	—	—
London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Mar. 29	July 22
London United Tramways	Feb. 25	Mar. 15	Mar. 15	Group 8	May 5	June 6	Aug. 15
Lord Tredegar's Supplemental Estate [Lords] (*see* "Tredegar's (Lord) Supplemental Estate [Lords]")	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Lothians Electric Power [Lords] (*Substituted Bill*)	June 13	June 22	June 22	Unopposed	July 15	July 25	Aug. 15
Lytham Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Section B	May 13	June 3	Aug. 1
Maidenhead Bridge [Lords]	May 3	June 14 Evening	June 14 Sitting	Unopposed	June 24	July 8	July 22
Manchester Corporation (General Powers) [Lords]	June 30	July 11	July 11	Police, &c. Section A	July 21	Aug. 2	Aug. 15

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Manchester Corporation Tramways [Lords]	June 27	July 11	July 11	Unopposed	July 22	Aug. 2	Aug. 15
Manchester Ship Canal [Lords]	June 14	June 27	June 27	Unopposed	July 22	Aug. 2	Aug. 15
Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) [Lords]	May 2	May 11	May 11	Unopposed	June 24	June 29	July 22
Marylebone Chapels (Saint James, Westmoreland Street) [Lords]	May 10	May 31	May 31	Unopposed	June 10	June 14	June 24
Matlock and District Gas [Lords]	Mar. 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Group H	June 16	June 30	July 22
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board [Lords]	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 12	Group 1	June 28	Consideration, as amended, put off for three months.*	
Metropolitan District Railway [Lords]	May 6	May 16	May 16	Group 10	June 29	July 21	Aug. 1
Metropolitan Railway [Lords]	March 25	April 19	April 19	Unopposed	April 29	May 10	June 24
Mid-Cheshire Tramways [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways	March 10	March 22	March 22	Group 8	May 18	June 6	Aug. 15
Midland Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	Unopposed	March 25	April 18	June 24
‡Milwr and District Mines Drainage [Lords]	March 29	May 9 Evening	May 9 Sitting	Group J	June 27	Withdrawn	—
Minehead Urban District Council Water [Lords]	May 10	May 31	May 31	Unopposed	June 24	July 5	July 22
†Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Group 7	April 18	April 28	July 22
‡Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway [Lords]	May 5	May 16	May 16	Group 10	July 12	August 8	Aug. 15
Newcastle and Gateshead Water [Lords]	June 13	June 22	June 22	Group M	July 21	August 8	Aug. 15
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation [Lords]	May 17	June 21	June 21	Group L	July 21	August 4	Aug. 15
New River Company [Lords]	March 28	April 19	April 19	Unopposed	June 2	June 16	June 24
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company [Lords]	March 21	April 12	April 12	Unopposed	April 22	April 27	June 24
North and South Woolwich Electric Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	Group 4	March 21	Parties do	not proceed
North Staffordshire Railway	Feb 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Group 1	March 15	March 25	June 24
‡North Wales Electric Power [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 7	August 2	Aug. 15
North Western and Electricity Power Gas	Feb. 4	Feb 22	Feb. 22	Unopposed	May 6	June 9	July 22
Norwich Water	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	March 11	March 22	June 24
Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council [Lords]	March 25	April 19	April 19	Unopposed	May 6	May 19	June 24
Oakengates, Dawley, and District Joint Water Board [Lords]	June 27	July 6	July 6	Unopposed	July 28	Aug. 9	Aug. 15
Plymouth and North Devon Direct Railway (Abandonment)	Feb. 4	Withdrawn	—	—	—	—	—
Plymouth Corporation	Feb 4	Feb. 12	Feb. 12	Unopposed	April 27	May 12	July 22

‡Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowdon Railway [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 7	July 26	Aug. 15
Preston and Blackburn Tramways [Lords]	April 22	May 4	May 4	Group 9	June 14	Preamble	not proved
Preston and Lytham Tramways and Tramroad [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways [Lords]	March 24	On Motion	April 25	Group 9	June 13	June 23	June 24
Preston Corporation Water [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	June 17	June 28	July 22
Radcliffe Tramways and Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Section A	May 13	June 3	Aug. 15
Reading Corporation	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Withdrawn	—	—	— —
Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water	Feb. 4	Feb. 23	Second	Reading	put off for	six months.	†—
		Evening	Sitting				
Rotherham Corporation	Feb. 18	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Police, &c. Section A	June 28	July 4	Aug. 15
Ryde Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Mar. 29	June 24
Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment)	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Unopposed	June 24	June 29	Aug. 15
St. Bartholomew's Hospital [Lords]	May 6	May 17	May 17	Unopposed	June 10	June 21	June 24
St. Marylebone Electric Lighting	Feb. 4	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Group E	Mar. 24	Apr. 14	June 24
		Evening	Sitting				
St. Mary Woolnoth [Lords]	May 17	June 7	June 7	Unopposed	July 1	July 5	July 22
Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment)	June 28	July 11	July 11	Unopposed	July 15	July 19	Aug. 1
Selby Urban District Council	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Group H	June 22	July 7	Aug. 15
Sheffield, Laughton, and Maltby Railway	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Withdrawn	—	—	—
Sheppy Gas	Feb. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Group D	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	June 24

July 14, Evening Sitting.

* Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [*Lords*] (by Order),—Order for Consideration, as amended, read ;

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill, as amended, be now considered :"—

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now", and add the words "upon this day three months :"—(*Mr. Robson.*)

Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question:"—The House divided ; Ayes, 52, Noes 154 :—Words added.

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to :—Consideration, as amended, put off for three months.

† Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill (*by Order*).—Order for Second Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months."—(*Mr. Disraeli.*)

Question proposed, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."—Debate arising.

Sir Joseph Leese rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question. Debate resumed.

Question put. The House divided :—Ayes, 24 ; Noes, 150.—Words added.

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to. Second Reading put off for six months.

NAME.	Bill read first time.	Day fixed for second reading.	Bill read second time.	Committee to which Bills are referred.	Bill reported.	Bill read third time.	Royal Assent.
Shipley Urban District Council [Lords]	May 2	May 16	May 16	Unopposed	June 17	June 29	July 22
Skipton Water and Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Section A	May 17	June 9	July 22
Soothill Nether Urban District Tramways	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Group 3	Mar. 21	Apr. 12	July 22
Southend-on-Sea Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	Unopposed	Mar. 18	Apr. 12	July 22
Southend Water	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Apr. 28
Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time, [Lords]	Apr. 21	May 2	May 2	Unopposed	June 24	July 7	July 22
South Shields Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Group B	Mar. 9	Mar. 21	Aug. 15
South Staffordshire Mines Drainage [Lords]	May 3	May 16	May 16	Unopposed	June 10	June 14	June 24
South Suburban Gas (*see* "Crystal Palace District Gas")	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time)	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Group 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 17	July 22
†Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway	Feb. 4	Mar. 14	Mar. 14	Group 7	Apr. 27	May 6	Aug. 15
Stretford Urban District Council [Lords]	June 20	June 29	June 29	Police, &c.	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Surrey Commercial Dock	Feb. 4	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	Unopposed	Apr. 27	May 6	Aug. 15
Sutton Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Group D	Mar. 14	Mar. 28	June 24
Swindon Corporation	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c. Section B	June 10	June 20	Aug. 15
Thames River Steamboat Service	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Group F	Apr. 28	June 6	Aug. 15
Thames Steamboat Trust	Feb. 4	Feb. 17	Feb. 17	Group F	Apr. 28	Preamble	not proved.
†Thurles Urban District Council Water	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Unopposed	Apr. 14	Apr. 25	Aug. 1
Ticehurst and District Water and Gas [Lords]	Mar. 25	June 8	June 8	Unopposed	June 17	July 1	July 22
Torquay Tramways	Feb. 10	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Group 4	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	Aug. 15
Tottenham Improvement	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Unopposed	Apr. 29	May 10	Aug. 15
Trafford (De) Estate [Lords]	July 4	July 13	July 13	Unopposed	July 22	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
Trafford Park Dock and Railway [Lords] (Changed to "Trafford Park [Lords]")	June 14	June 27	June 27	Police, &c.	July 28	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Tredegar's (Lord) Supplemental Estate [Lords]	June 28	July 11	July 11	Unopposed	July 15	July 28	Aug. 15
Tynemouth Corporation [Lords]	Mar 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	July 1	July 14	July 22
Tynemouth Gas [Lords]	Mar. 24	Apr. 12	Apr. 12	Unopposed	Apr. 22	June 20	June 24
Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads [Lords]	Mar. 25	Apr. 22	Apr. 22	Group 9 (Recommitted)	June 13 July 22	Aug. 1	Aug. 15
†Ulster Electric Power [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
University of Leeds [Lords] (Changed) from "Victoria University of Yorkshire [Lords]"	Mar. 28	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	May 12	May 31	June 24

Victoria University of Manchester [Lords]	Mar. 28	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	Apr. 29	May 4	June 24
Victoria University of Yorkshire [Lords] (*see* "University of Leeds [Lords]")	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Watford and District Tramways (Extension of Time)	Feb. 4	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	Group 3	Mar. 18	Preamble	not proved.
Weaver Navigation (Additional Finance) [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weaver Navigation (Constitution and Finance) [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellington (Somerset) Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 17	Feb. 17	Unopposed	Mar. 11	Mar. 24	June 24
West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment) [Lords]	Mar. 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	Apr. 29	May 10	June 24
West Metropolitan Railway (Extension of Time) [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier [Lords]	Mar. 17	Mar. 29	Mar. 29	Unopposed	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	June 24
West Riding Tramways [Lords]	May 10	May 31	May 31	Unopposed	July 7	Aug. 2	Aug. 15
Whitby Gas	Feb. 4	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Unopposed	Feb. 26	Mar. 10	June 24
Withnell Gas [Lords]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wolverhampton Corporation	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Police, &c.	Apr. 13	Apr. 25	July 22
Yorktown and Blackwater Gas [Lords]	Mar. 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Unopposed	May 12	May 31	June 24
*Young and Bell's Patent [Lords] (*Substituted Bill*)	Mar. 15	Mar. 28	Mar. 28	Unopposed	Apr. 14	Apr. 18	Apr. 28

PRIVATE BILL

Suspended in Session 1904, under the Order of the House of 10th August, showing the Stage at which the Bill was SUSPENDED.

Name.	Bill presented.	Stage of Bill when suspended.
Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) .	Feb. 4	Passed and sent to the Lords.

LIST OF RULES, ORDERS, &c.,

WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION, AND ARE REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO LIE FOR AN APPOINTED NUMBER OF DAYS UPON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Particulars of Piece Work Wages) (Wearing Apparel),—Copy of Order, dated 17th December 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, applying, with modifications, the provisions of Section 116 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, to the manufacture of Wearing Apparel, and revoking the Order, dated 22nd April 1897 [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	2 February	40 days.
Factory and Workshops Acts (Special Exception — Creameries),—Copy of Order, dated 23rd October 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 42 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, granting certain special exceptions to Creameries, and revoking the Order (Ireland), dated 9th June 1902 [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	2 February	40 days.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Special Exception—Overtime),—Copy of Order, dated 29th December 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 49 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, with regard to the overtime employment of women on not more than 30 days in the year; and revoking all existing Orders [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	2 February	40 days.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Manufacture of Earthenware and China),—Copy of Amended Special Rules, dated 30th December 1901 and 28th November 1903, for the Manufacture of Earthenware and China, as established by the Awards of the Umpire, Lord James of Hereford [58 and 59 Vic., c. 37, s. 28]	2 February	40 days
Factory and Workshop Acts (Dangerous and Unhealthy Industries),—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 79 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, for the Manufacture of Electric Accumulators [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 84]	2 February	40 days.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Health — Bakehouses),—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 30th December 1903, in pursuance of Section 3, sub-section (2), of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, modifying the proportion of cubic feet of space to be provided in certain Bakehouses [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	2 February	40 days

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Special Exception—Lime Washing),—Copy of Order, dated 2nd November 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 1 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, granting special exceptions from the provisions respecting lime washing, etc., to certain factories and parts of factories; and revoking the Orders dated 16th November 1895, 8th February 1896, and 26th March 1902 [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	2 February	40 days.
Inebriate Reformatories (Regulations),—Copy of Regulations made with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the management and discipline of the certified Inebriate Reformatory at Ackworth, Yorkshire [61 and 62 Vic., c. 60, s. 21 (1)]	2 February	4 weeks (whilst the House is sitting).
Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899 (Regulations for State Inebriate Reformatories)—Copy of New Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, prescribing the diet for ill-conducted or idle inmates of State Inebriate Reformatories, and revoking Regulations 64 (b) and 66 (b), and so much of Appendix A. as relates to the diet of ill-conducted or idle inmates of the Regulation dated 21st June 1901 [61 and 62 Vic., c. 60, s. 21 (1)]	2 February	4 weeks (whilst the House is sitting).
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Time Table of Examinations for 1904 [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	2 February	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Additional Rule as to Experimental Science and Drawing [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	2 February	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Amended Rules for the Examination in Music [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	2 February	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Additional Rule as to Experimental and Practical Science [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66. s. 6]	2 February	40 days.
Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 1st December 1903, giving effect to a Rule of Court [40 and 41 Vic., c. 57, s. 69]	2 February	100 sitting days.
Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877,—Copies of two Orders in Council, dated 21st January 1904, giving effect to Rules of Court [40 and 41 Vic., c. 57, s. 69]	2 February	100 sitting days.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Cambridge),—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on 16th March 1903, in substitution for the existing Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	2 February	12 weeks.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Cambridge),—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 22nd June 1903, in substitution for Statute XXV. of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	2 February	12 weeks.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford),—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford on 17th June 1903, amending certain clauses of Statute III. of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	2 February	12 weeks.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford),—Copy of Statute made by the President and Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford, on 15th May 1903, amending Statute XV., 1, of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	2 February	12 weeks.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford),—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on 24th April 1903, amending Statute IV., 7, of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	2 February	12 weeks.
Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance),—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. IX. (Edinburgh, No. 3) (Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law) [52 and 53 Vic., c. 55, s. 20]	2 February	12 weeks.
Public Records (Disposal of Documents),—Copy of Additional Rule under the Public Record Office Acts, 1877 and 1898, for the disposal of certain Documents [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55. s. 1]	2 February	60 days.
Public Records (Colonial Office),—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1)	2 February	4 weeks
Royal Parks and Gardens,—Copy of Provisional Rules for the Royal Parks and Gardens in connection with the Regulations prescribed by The Parks Regulation Act, 1872 [35 and 36 Vic., c. 15, s. 9]	4 February	One month.
Holyrood Park,—Copy of Rule for Holyrood Park in connection with the Regulations prescribed by the Parks Regulation Act, 1872 [35 and 36 Vic., c. 15, s. 9]	4 February	One Month
Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888,—Copy of Order made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, under the provisions of the said Act, for the variation of the Order creating the Southern Sea Fisheries District [51 and 52 Vic., c. 54, s. 1. (4)]	10 February	30 days.
Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903,—Copy of Draft of Rules proposed to be made by the Attorney General with the approval of the Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 2 of The Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903 [42 and 43 Vic., c. 22, s. 8]	11 February	40 sitting days.
Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899 (Regulations) (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations for State Inebriate Reformatories in Ireland [61 and 62 Vic., c. 60, s. 21 (1)].	16 February	4 weeks (whilst the House is sitting).
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland in substitution for Rule 28 of 1st May 1903 [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	23 February	40 days.
Western Australia,—Copy of the Electoral Act, No. XXXV. of 1904 [13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, s. 32]	26 February	30 days.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Education (Scotland) (Code 1904),—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Appendices, by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland [35 and 36 Vic., c. 62, s. 67]	1 March	One month.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Earthernware and China),—Copy of Amended Special Rules, dated 19th March 1902 and 18th February 1904, for the Manufacture and Decoration of Earthenware and China in certain Factories and Workshops, as established by the Awards of the Arbitrator, Chester Jones, esquire [58 and 59, Vic., c. 37, s. 28]	2 March	40 days.
Education (Scotland) (Continuation Classes),—Copy of Code of Regulations for Continuation Classes providing further Instruction for those who have left School, 1904 [35 and 36 Vic., c. 62, s. 67]	3 March	One month.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford),—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on 21st November 1903, amending Statute 12a, Clause 2, of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	8 March	12 weeks.
Military Manœuvres, 1904,—Copy of Draft Order in Council relative to Military Manœuvres, 1904 [60 and 61 Vic., c. 43, s. 1.]	9 March	30 days.
College Charter Act, 1871 (Yorkshire College, Leeds),—Copy of Application received from the Yorkshire College, Leeds, for the Establishment of a University in Leeds, which was referred by His Majesty in Council for the Consideration and Report of a Committee of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; together with a Copy of the Draft of the Charter applied for [34 and 35 Vic., c. 63, s. 2]	17 March	30 days.
Public Records (Admiralty),—Copy of Eleventh Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes and Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and deposited in the Public Record Office, but are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1].	17 March	4 weeks.
Public Records (Court of Exchequer),—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which formerly were or ought to have been in the Office of First Fruits and Tenths in the late Court of Exchequer, and which are now in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1]	17 March	4 weeks.
Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1890,—Copy of Order transfering to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in respect of the portion of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund placed at the disposal of the Department by the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899 [62 and 63 Vic., c. 50, s. 28 (2)]	29 March	40 days.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899,—Copy of Amended Regulations made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland as to the taking of samples under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893 [62 and 63 Vic., c. 50, s. 28 (2)]	29 March	40 days.
Local Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1888,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 24th March 1904, adding the county of Armagh to the district assigned to the Belfast Local Bankruptcy Court [51 and 52 Vic., c. 44, s. 18]	29 March	100 days.
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 25th April 1904, providing for the distribution of the General Aid Grant [35 and 36 Vic., c. 62, s. 67]	25 April	One month.
Royal Parks and Gardens,—Copy of Rules for the Royal Parks and Gardens, in connection with the Regulations prescribed by The Parks Regulation Act, 1872 [35 and 36 Vic., c. 15, s. 9]	29 April	One month.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Cambridge,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on 7th December 1903, amending Statutes XXVIII., XXIX., XXXI., XLI., XLII., XLIX., LIV., and LXI. of the College Statutes [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	29 April	12 weeks.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), —Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, on 9th December 1903, amending Statutes II., III., IV., V., X., XII., XIII., XV., XVI., and XVII. of the College Statutes [25 and 26 Vic., c. 26, s. 7.]	29 April	12 weeks.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), —Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Balliol College, Oxford, on 15th December, 1903, Amending Statute V., Clause 3 (a), of the Statutes of the College [25 and 26 Vic., c. 26, s. 7]	29 April	12 weeks.
Irish Land Commission (Rules),—Copy of Rules made in pursuance of Section 88, sub-section 5, of the Irish Land Act, 1903, dated the 23rd April 1904 [3 Edw. VII., c. 37, s. 92]	2 May	40 days.
Victoria (The Electoral Districts Boundaries Act, 1903), —Copy of the Electoral Districts Boundaries Act, 1903 (Victoria), No. 1895 [13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, s. 32]	5 May	30 days.
Victoria (The Electoral Provinces Boundaries Act, 1903), —Copy of The Electoral Provinces Boundaries Act, 1903 (Victoria), No. 1896 [13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, s. 32]	5 May	30 days.
Board of Education (Code, 1904),—Copy of Code of Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, with Schedules, by the Board of Education [33 and 34 Vic., c. 75, s. 97]	13 May	One month.
Irish Land Commission (Rules),—Copy of Rule made by the Irish Land Commission under the Land Purchase Acts, dated the 23rd April 1904 [3 Edw. VII., c. 37, s. 92]	10 May	40 sitting days.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Prisons (Scotland),—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary for Scotland as to the Constitution of the Visiting Committee to Inverness Prison [40 and 41 Vic., c. 53, s. 58]	11 May	40 days.
Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899 (Regulations for State Inebriate Reformatories),—Copy of Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of The Inebriates Act, 1898, for the management and discipline of State Inebriate Reformatories [61 and 62 Vic., c 60, s. 21 (1)]	12 May	4 weeks (whilst the House is sitting).
Union of Benefices Act (Saint John, Fitzroy Square), with Saint Saviour, Fitzroy Square),—Copy of Scheme under The Union of Benefices Act, 1860, for effecting an Union of the Benefices of Saint John, Fitzroy Square, with Saint Saviour, Fitzroy Square [23 and 24 Vic., c. 142, s. 15]	17 May	Two months
Intermediate Education (Ireland), Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1905 [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	19 May	40 days.
Public Records (Home Office),—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which were returned to the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and which are now in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1]	6 June	4 weeks.
Prisons (Rules for Convict Prisons),—Copy of Draft of New Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Government of Convict Prisons [61 and 62 Vic., c. 41, s. 2 (2)]	6 June	30 days (whilst the House is sitting).
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford),—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Oxford, on 26th February 1904, amending Statute VI. of the Statutes of the College [40 and 41 Vic., c. 48, s. 50]	8 June	12 weeks.
Public Records (Office of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues),—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes and Documents in the Office of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1]	15 June	4 weeks.
Factory and Workshop Acts (Special Exception—Meal Hours in Iron and Steel Foundries),—Copy of Order, dated 23rd June 1904, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 40 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, extending the Special Exceptions as to Meal Hours to Male young persons employed in Iron and Steel Foundries, and repealing the Order of the 14th July 1903 [1 Edw. VII., c. 22, s. 126 (3)]	27 June	40 days.
Public Records (War Department),—Copy of Sixth Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents pertaining to the office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War, and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein [40 and 41 Vic., c. 55, s. 1]	27 June	4 weeks.

Title of Paper.	Date from which the period runs.	Period to lie upon the Table.
Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance),—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. X. (Aberdeen No. 2) (Regulations for the Degree of Science in Agriculture, D.Sc. (Agr.) [52 and 53 Vic. c. 55, s. 20]	27 June	12 weeks.
Post Office Savings Bank (Regulations),—Copy of Post Office Savings Bank (Constantinople and Smyrna) Regulations, 1904 [50 and 51 Vic., c. 40, s. 4]	30 June	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland appointing the places at which the Examinations for 1903 shall be held [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	4 July	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland determining the number of Centre Superintendents to be appointed for the Examinations, 1904 [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	4 July	40 days.
Board of Education,—Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 7th July 1904, modifying Code of Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, 1904 [33 and 34 Vic., c. 75, s. 97]	7 July	One month.
Prisons (Ireland and Wales),—Copy of Draft Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Borstal Prison [61 and 62 Vic., c. 41. s. 2]	12 July	30 sitting days.
Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888,—Copy of Order made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, under the provisions of the Act for the variation of the Order creating the North Eastern Sea Fisheries District [51 and 52 Vic., c. 54, s. 54, s. 1 (4)]	12 July	30 days.
Board of Education,—Copy of Regulations of the Board of Education, dated 11th July 1904, providing for grants on account of the Education of Defective and Epileptic Children, and prescribing Conditions to be fulfilled by Certified Schools and Classes for such Children [33 and 34 Vic., c. 75, s. 97]	14 July	One month.
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1887 (Oxford), —Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Worcester College, Oxford, on 4th March 1904, amending Statutes II., III., IV., V., VI., and VII. of the Statutes of the College [25 and 26 Vic., c. 26, s. 7]	22 July	12 weeks.
Inebriates Act, 1898,—Copy of Regulation made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department respecting the photographing of Inmates of Certified Inebriate Reformatories [61 and 62 Vic., c. 60, s. 21 (1)]	10 August	4 weeks (whilst the House is sitting.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the Examination in Music [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	15 August	40 days.
Intermediate Education (Ireland),—Copy of Additional Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland as to the French Course [41 and 42 Vic., c. 66, s. 6]	15 August	40 days.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

WHICH NOW STAND IN THE ORDER BOOK OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

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1. Mr Herbert Lewis,—Piers and Harbours (Wales),—To call attention to the desirability of improving the provision of Piers and Harbours on the coast of Wales; and to move a Resolution.

2. Mr. David MacIver,—Free Food,—To call attention to the very serious burden of local and other taxation which has now and for many years past fallen upon all food produced in this Country, and also to the heavy Customs duties which are levied upon certain food products and other articles of general consumption largely imported from our own Colonies; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all food taxation other than protective taxation ought to be abolished; that Free Food should be made a reality as regards everything grown or raised in this Country, the food-producing industries of Great Britain and Ireland being altogether relieved from taxation; and that the burden should, as far as practicable, be placed upon Foreign importations of competing products, all food importations from our own Colonies being admitted either entirely free or subject to low revenue duties not exceeding 5 per cent. *ad valorem.*

3. Sir Walter Plummer,—New Standing Order,—When it appears to Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, that Members decline to leave the House after the Ayes and Noes have been directed to enter their respective Lobbies, he may order the Division to proceed as if such Members were not in the House, and he may also give similar orders in the event of Members not leaving or declining to leave the Lobbies within an adequate period for the completion of a Division.

4. Sir Albert Rollit,—British Consular Service,—To draw attention to the Report of the Departmental Committee on the British Consular Service; and to move a Resolution.

5. Sir Albert Rollit,—Minister of Commerce and Industry,—To refer to the Report of the Committee on Public Departments; and to move a Resolution in favour of the appointment of a Minister of Commerce and Industry.

6. Mr. Louis Sinclair,—Minister of Commerce,—That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of a Minister of Commerce, of Cabinet rank, in place of an obsolete Board of Trade, is expedient in the commercial interest of the country.

7. Mr. Louis Sinclair,—Minister of Justice,—That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of a Minister of Justice, in place of the Home Office, which has to deal with factories and workshops and trade, as well as performing the office of Minister of the Interior, is expedient in the best interest of the country.

8. Mr. Louis Sinclair,—Government Departments (Re arrangement),—That, in the opinion of this House, the functions performed by the various Government Departments should be re-adjusted; that all ministerial offices without functions should be abolished; and that new ministries, where necessary, should be created in the place of the obsolete and inoperative offices, which are expensive and useless to the country.

PUBLIC BILLS.

RETURN "of the Number of PUBLIC BILLS, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during the Session of 1904; showing the Number which received the Royal Assent; the Number which were Passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the Number Passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the Stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were Dropped or Postponed and Rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 0.201, of Session 1903)."

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BILLS WHICH RECEIVED THE ROYAL ASSENT.

N.B.—Bills marked thus (*) are Government Bills.

TITLE OF BILL.

*Anglo-French Convention.
*Army (Annual).

*Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham.

*Capital Expenditure (Money).
*Consolidated Fund (No. 1).
*Consolidated Fund (Appropriation).
County of Suffolk.
*Cunard Agreement (Money).

*Dean Forest.

*Education (Local Authority Default).
*Electric Lighting (London).
*Expiring Laws Continuance.

*Finance.

Hall-marking of Foreign Plate.

*Indian Councils.
*Irish Land.
*Isle of Man (Customs).

Leeds University.
*Licensing.

*Metropolitan Improvements (Funds).

TITLE OF BILL.

Outdoor Relief Friendly Societies (No. 2).

*Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) [*Lords*].
*Post Office.
*Post Office Sites.
*Prevention of Cruelty to Children Amendment [*Lords*].
*Prisons (Scotland).
*Public Health [*Lords*].
*Public Works (Loans).

Railways (Private Sidings).
*Reformatory and Industrial Schools.
Registration of Clubs (Ireland).

Savings Banks Acts Amendment.
*Shop Hours.

*Telegraph (Money).

University of Liverpool.

Weights and Measures.
Wild Birds' Protection Acts Amendment.
Wild Birds' Protection Acts Amendment (St. Kilda).
*Wireless Telegraphy.

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILLS WHICH RECEIVED THE ROYAL ASSENT.

Provisional Orders which were not confirmed or not proceeded with are printed in italics.

TITLE OF BILL.

*Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

*Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order.

*Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order.

*Drainage & Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order [Farney Bridge and Ballonahow Drainage District, in tne county of Tipperary].

*Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation Birmingham [*Lords*].

*Education Board Provisional Order [Cardiff *and Newport* [*Monmouthshire*].

*Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) [*Lords*].

*Education Board Provisional Order (Swansea).

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) [Barry, Clitheroe, Gainsborough, Glastonbury, Heysham, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saffron Walden, Walmer, Whickham, and Yardley].

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) [Bath Rural District, Brynmawr, Chippenham, Eastleigh and Bishopstoke, Hanwell, Southgate Urban District, Tamworth, Walton-le-Dale, Watford, and Widnes (Amendment)] [*Lords*].

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) [Birkenhead (Extension), Bishop Auckland (Amendment), Huddersfield (Extension to Golcar), Maidenhead (Extensions) Milford-on-Sea, Newquay, Penzance, Ramsgate, Sunderland Districts, and Tavistock] [*Lords*].

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) [Ashford (Kent), Ely, Ham, Hexham, Horley, Keynsham (Somerset), Kingswood, Newton Abbot (Extension), Teignmouth (Amendment), and Walton-upon-Thames] [*Lords*].

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) [Musselburgh, Portpatrick, and Wishaw] [*Lords*].

TITLE OF BILL.

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) [Clevedon, Portishead and Long Ashton, Crediton, Devizes, Hampton Wick and District, Houghton-le-Spring and District, the Maldens and Coombe, Northampton and District, Stroud, Nailsworth and Dursley and Trowbridge (Urban), Bradford-on-Avon (Urban), and Bradford-on-Avon Rural [*Lords*].

*Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) [Caerphilly, Epsom Rural District (Cheam), Mansfield Woodhouse, North Worcestershire (Bromsgrove Urban), *Stroud, Nailsworth and Durley*, and Sutton-in-Ashfield].

*Gas and Water Orders Confirmation [Rainham, Sevenoaks, Southwold, Wetherby District, and Meldreth and Melbourn] [*Lords*].

*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) [Bognor, Elham Valley, Elstree and Boreham Wood, Finedon, and Godalming] [*Lords*].

*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) [Grays, Hedon, Northampton, Rochford, and Romford] [*Lords*].

*Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) [St. Margaret's, Stirling, Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt, Worsbroughdale and Worsbrough, and Worthing] [*Lords*].

*Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

*Land Drainage Provisional Order [Owston and West Butterwick, in county of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsay)].

*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No 1) [Urban Districts of Blackrock, Clonmel, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack, Kingstown, Nenagh, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathgar, Templemore and Thurles, and counties of Dublin and Tipperary (North and South Ridings)].

*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) [the Bangor and newtownards, and the county of Cork United District and the Ports of New Ross and Waterford.].

*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) [Castlerea (Rural), Midleton (Rural), North Dublin (Rural), and Westport.

TITLE OF BILL.

*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) [the Rural Districts of Rathdown (No. 1) and Rathdown (No. 2)].

*Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5)].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) [Ashton-in-Makerfield, Brighton, Manchester, Nelson, Scarborough, and Sunderland].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Brixham, Coventry, Liverpool, Ripon, and Southwark, and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital District].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No, 3) [the Earsdon, the Hanley, Stoke, Fenton, and Longton, the Henley and Wallingford, the Wallingford and Crowmarsh, and the Whitchurch and District Joint Hospital Districts].

*Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) [Portsmouth].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) [Bradford (Yorkshire), Ealing, Eaton Bray (Rural), Glastonbury, Rhyl, and the Fylde Water Board District].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Counties of Lancaster, and Rutland and Surrey].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) [Godalming, Haworth, North Allerton and Tipton].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Kingswood, West Ham, and the Knighton and Teme, the North-East Durham, and the South Shields Rural and Southwick-on-Wear Joint Hospital Districts].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) [Bolton, Congleton, Keighley, Newton-in-Makerfield, Oswestry, and Wisbech].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Chiswick, East Ham, Great Crosby, and York].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) [Guildford, New Sarum, and the county of Wilts].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) [the Ashton-under-Lyne and District, the Congleton and District, and the Wath, Swinton, and District Joint Hospital Districts].

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*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) [Blackpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, and Wigan].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) [Brighouse, Pwllheli, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Worthing, and the North Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District].

*Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) [Cardiff].

*Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) [East Dereham and Neyland].

*Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) [Stourbridge Union].

*Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) Provisional Order [Farnborough Common, Broad Street Green, Leach's Green, and Green Street Green].

*Metropolitan Common Scheme (Hillingdon East) Provisional Order [Norman's or No Man's Land, Hillingdon East].

*Metropolitan Police Provisional Order [Islington, Tottenham, Putney, and Woolwich].

*Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) Wexford [*Lords*].

*Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Hartlepool and Waterford].

*Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) [Islay].

*Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) [*Lords*].

*Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Altrincham, Calverley, Crompton, Plymouth, Rochdale, Royton, and Wardle] [*Lords*].

*Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) [Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Spennymoor, Dewsbury Corporation, East Ham Urban District Council, Ossett Corporation Sunderland Corporation, and West Ham Corporation] [*Lords*].

*Water Orders Confirmation [Bradfield, Cholderton and District, Eltham Valley, Frimley and Farnborough, and North Sunderland [*Lords*].

CONFIRMATION BILLS UNDER THE PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1899, WHICH RECEIVED THE ROYAL ASSENT.

Title of Bill.

*Aberdeen City Improvements Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Airdrie Corporation Gas Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Arbroath Corporation Water Order Canfirmation.
*Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

*Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

*Dumbartonshire (Vale of Leven) Water Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Dumbarton Tramways Order Confirmation.
*Dundee, Broughty Ferry and District Tramways Order Confirmation.
*Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation.

*Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation.

*Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation.
*Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation.
*Glasgow Corporation Sewage Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Govan Corporation Order Confirmation [*Lords*].
*Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

*Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation
*Kirkcaldy Corporation Order Confirmation.

*Leith Burgh Order Confirmation.
*Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation.

*Melrose District Water Order Confirmation.
*Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation.

*Newburgh and North Fife Railway Extension of Time) Order Confirmation.
*North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation.

*Paisley District Tramways Order Confirmation.
*Perth Corporation Order Confirmation.

*Wishaw Corporation Order Confirmation [*Lords*].

Government Bills 29; Provisional Order and Confirmation Bills, 82; other Bills, 10; Total, 121.

BILLS WHICH WERE INTRODUCED INTO, BUT NOT PASSED BY, THE COMMONS.

Those marked thus (*) are Government Bills.

Title of Bill.	Stage at which they were Dropped, Postponed, or Rejected, &c.
Aged Pensioners	Committee dropped
Aged Pensioners (No. 2)	Second Reading dropped.
Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools.	Second Reading dropped.
Agricultural Holdings	Second Reading dropped.
*Aliens	Reported from the Standing Committee Law, &c. (not proceeded with).
*Alkali, &c., Works	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Architects' Registration	Second Reading dropped.
Bills of Exchange	Second Reading dropped.
Canal Traffic	Second Reading dropped.
Carriers Act (1830) Amendment	Second Reading dropped.
*Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Chartered Societies	Second Reading dropped.
Church Discipline	Second Reading dropped.

SESS. 1904.—Bills which were Introduced into, but not Passed by, the Commons—*cont.*

TITLE OF BILL.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
Coal Mines (Employment)	Second Reading dropped.
Coal Mines Regulation	Second Reading dropped.
Coal Mines (Weighing of Minera's)	Second Reading dropped.
Collegiate Charges (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Colonial Marriages	Second Reading dropped.
Conciliation and Arbitration Act (1896) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
*Congested Districts (Scotland)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
Conspiracy (Ireland)	Second Reading dropped.
*Constabulary (Ireland)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Contempt of Court (Ireland)	Second Reading dropped.
Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities)	Second Reading dropped.
Cottage Homes	Second Reading dropped.
County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction)	Second Reading dropped.
Criminal Aliens	Second Reading dropped.
Criminal New Trials	Second Reading dropped.
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment.	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
*Crown Lands	Order for Second Reading discharged.
*Dogs	Order for resuming adjourned debate on Second Reading discharged.
*Drunkenness (Ireland)	Committee (Progress) dropped.
Easement of Light	Second Reading dropped.
*Education (Scotland)	Order for Committee (Progress) discharged.
Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment).	Second Reading dropped.
False Characters	Second Reading dropped.
*False Statements (Companies)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Foreign Marriages	Second Reading dropped.
Foreign Trawlers Regulation	Second Reading dropped.
Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities.	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities (No. 2).	Second Reading dropped.
*Government Ships	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Highways	Second Reading dropped.
Home Industries	Order for Second Reading discharged.
House-letting (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Housing of the Working Classes, &c.	Second Reading dropped.
Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts).	Second Reading dropped.
Infant Life Protection Act (1897) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
Irish Lights Board	Second Reading dropped.
Irish Tobacco	Second Reading dropped.
*Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland).	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Jurors' Expenses	Second Reading dropped.
Jury Acts (Ireland)	Second Reading dropped.
Juvenile Smoking	Second Reading dropped.

SESS. 1904.—Bills which were introduced into, but not Passed by, the Commons—*cont.*

TITLE OF BILLS.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
*Labourers (Ireland)	Reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, &c. (not proceeded with).
Lands Valuation (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
*Land Tax Commissioners' Names	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Land Values (Assessment and Rating)	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal dropped.
Land Values Taxation (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Leasehold Enfranchisement	Second Reading dropped.
Liquor Sellers' Liability	Second Reading dropped.
Liquor Traffic Local Veto	Second Reading dropped.
Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland)	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales)	Second Reading dropped.
Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation	Second Reading dropped.
Local Authorities (Qualification of Women)	Second Reading dropped.
Local Authorities (Taxation and Purchase of Land).	Second Reading dropped.
*Local Authorities (Treasury Powers)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Local Government Act (1888) Amendment	Second Reading dropped.
Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment.	Second Reading negatived.
Local Government (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
Local Taxation	Order for Second Reading discharged.
*Lunacy	Order for Second Reading discharged.
*Marine Insurance	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Market Gardeners' Compensation	Second Reading dropped.
Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister	Second Reading dropped.
Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment.	Second Reading dropped.
Medical Act (1886) Amendment	Second Reading dropped.
Merchandise Marks	Second Reading dropped.
Merchandise Marks (No. 2)	Second Reading dropped.
Merchant Shipping	Second Reading dropped.
Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses)	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal dropped.
Mines (Eight Hours)	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
Ministry of Commerce	Second Reading dropped.
Mortgages of Premises	Second Reading dropped.
Municipal Corporations	Second Reading dropped.
Municipal Franchise (Companies)	Second Reading dropped.
Musical Copyright	Consideration as amended by the Standing Committee dropped.
*Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Nurses	Second Reading dropped.
Nurses and Private Nursing Home (Registration).	Second Reading dropped.
Old Age Pensions	Second Reading dropped.
Old Age Pensions (No. 2)	Second Reading dropped.
Old Age Pensions (No. 3)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Out-door Relief (Friendly Societies)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Out-door Relief (Friendly Societies) No. 3)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Parliamentary Voters and Elections	Second Reading dropped.
Parliamentary Voters Registration	Second Reading dropped.
*Penal Servitude	Order for resuming Adjourned Debate on Committal to the Standing Committee on Law, &c., discharged.
Pharmacy	Second Reading dropped.

SESS. 1904.—Bills which were Introduced into, but not Passed by, the Commons—*cont.*

TITLE OF BILL.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
*Police (Superannuation)	Order for consideration as amended by the Standing Committee discharged.
Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) Superannuation.	Second Reading dropped.
Poor Law Officers Superannuation (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland)	Second Reading dropped.
*Port of London (Session 1903)	Order for Committee discharged.
Port Sanitary Authorities' Expenses	Second Reading dropped.
Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams.	Second Reading dropped.
Private Legislation Procedure (Wales)	Reported from Select Committee without Amendment.
Provisional Order (Marriages)	Order for resuming Adjourned Debate on Second Reading discharged.
Public Entertainment	Second Reading dropped.
Public Libraries	Second Reading dropped.
Public Libraries Acts (Extension)	Second Reading dropped.
Public Trustee	Second Reading dropped.
Purchase of Land (England and Wales)	Second Reading dropped.
Railways and Steamships (Parliamentary Facilities).	Second Reading dropped.
Rating of Machinery	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committal dropped.
Registration of Firms	Second Reading dropped.
Resident Magistrates (Belfast)	Second Reading dropped.
Re-vaccination	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Roman Catholics' Disabilities Removal	Second Reading dropped.
*Sale of Butter	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Sale of Whisky	Second Reading dropped.
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (Ireland).	Second Reading dropped.
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday	Second Reading dropped.
School Board Electorate (Scotland)	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
Shipowners' Negligence (Remedies)	Second Reading dropped.
Shops	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
Small Dwellings Acquisition	Second Reading dropped.
Small Holders (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Small Holdings	Second Reading dropped.
Solicitors	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge)	Second Reading dropped.
Street Traffic Regulation	Second Reading dropped.
Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment.	Adjourned Debate on Second Reading dropped.
Sunday Trading (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
Teinds (Scotland)	Second Reading dropped.
*Telegraph (Construction)	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Tied Houses	Second Reading dropped.
Tied Houses (Freeing)	Second Reading dropped.
Town and County Councils (Qualification of Women) (Scotland).	Second Reading dropped.
Town Holdings	Second Reading dropped.
Town Tenants (Ireland)	Second Reading put off for six months.
Trade Marks	Second Reading dropped.
Trades Unions and Trade Disputes	Adjourned Debate on Motion for Committee dropped.

SESS. 1904.—Bills which were Introduced into, but not Passed by, the Commons—*cont.*

TITLE OF BILL.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
Trades Unions and Trade Disputes (No. 2)	Second Reading dropped.
Trawlers' Certificates Suspension	Second Reading dropped.
Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation	Reported from Select Committee without Amendment.
Vaccination	Second Reading dropped.
Vaccination Prosecutions	Second Reading dropped.
Vagrancy	Second Reading dropped.
Vagrants' Children Protection	Second Reading dropped.
*Valuation	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Valuation (No. 2)	Second Reading dropped.
Wages Boards	Second Reading dropped.
Winter Assizes (Ireland)	Second Reading dropped.
Workmen's Compensation	Second Reading dropped.

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILL INTRODUCED INTO BUT NOT PASSED BY THE COMMONS.

*Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 7) [*Barrhead, Bothwell, Eastwood and Cathcart, Johnstone, Kilpatrick, Lanark, Renfrew, and Shettlestone.*]	Third Reading dropped.

Government Bills, 26 ; other Bills, 135 TOTAL - - 161.

BILLS WHICH WERE PASSED BY THE LORDS, BUT NOT BY THE COMMONS.

TITLE OF BILL.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
Army Council	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Bills of Exchange (1882) Amendment	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Bishopric of Bristol	Order for Second Reading discharged.
County Courts	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Justices of the Peace	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Light Railways	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment.	Order for Second Reading discharged.

SESS. 1904.—Bills which were Passed by the Lords, but not by the Commons—*cont.*

TITLE OF BILL.	Stages at which they were DROPPED, POSTPONED, or REJECTED, &c.
Merchant Shipping	Not read the first time.
Naval and Military Medals	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Naval Prize	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Newcastle Chapter Amendment	Not read the first time.
Open Spaces	Not read the first time.
Polling Arrangements (Parliamentary Boroughs).	Not read the first time.
Polling Districts (County Councils)	Not read the first time.
Prevention of Corruption	Not read the first time.
Prize Courts	Not read the first time.
Reserve Forces	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Re-vaccination	Not read the first time.
Sale of Intoxicants to Children	Not read the first time.
Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Sea Fisheries	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Site for Duke of York's School	Order for Second Reading discharged.
Street Betting	Second Reading dropped.
Supply of Electricity	Not read the first time.
Weights and Measures (Metric System)	Second Reading dropped.
Whale Fisheries (Scotland)	Order for Committee discharged.

BILLS PASSED BY THE COMMONS, BUT NOT BY THE LORDS.

None.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Total Number of Bills which received the Royal Assent:		
(1.) Introduced into this House	36	
(2.) Brought from the Lords	3	
(3.) Provisional Order Bills	82	
		121
Total Number of Bills Introduced into, but not Passed by, the Commons		161
Total Number of Bills Passed by the Commons, but not Passed by the Lords		0
Total Number of Bills Passed by the Lords, but not Passed by the Commons		26
TOTAL		308

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DIVISIONS, SESSION 1904.

Arranged Alphabetically, including Divisions on Public and Private Business.

SUBJECT OF DEBATE.	Number of Division List.	Page in Sessional Vol. of Division Lists.	Vol. of "Debates."	Column.
Adjournment (for matter of urgency)	9	32	130	667
Do. do.	44	123	131	421
Do. do.	89	246	133	779
Do. do.	115	327	134	629
Aliens Bill, Second Reading	92	257	133	1159
Do. Committal to Standing Committee	138	397	135	1129
Aliens [Expenses], In Committee, Closure	139	400	135	1159
Do. Question put	140	403	135	1163
Do. Main Question put	141	405	135	1165
Do. Report	142	407	135	1169
Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, As amended, considered, New Clause (Company to construct subways at Elephant and Castle)	79	218	133	269
Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill, Second Reading	110	311	134	437
Do. do. Main Question put	111	314	134	441
Do. Committal to Standing Committee, Closure	112	317	134	452
Do. Question put	113	320	134	455
Do. Considered, page 1, line 6	335	919	140	117
Do. do. page 2, line 5	336	921	140	121
Do. do. page 2, line 10	337	923	140	123
Do. do. page 2, line 16	338	925	140	127
Brussels Sugar Convention	37	103	130	1581
Business of the House (Ways and Means)	83	229	133	539
Do. do.	104	293	134	271
Do. do. (Government Business)	291	827	139	587
Do. do. Closure	292	830	139	595
Do. do. Question put	293	833	139	598
Capital Expenditure [Money], Progress, Closure	296	840	139	659
Do. Question put	297	842	139	661
Do. Closure	298	844	139	667
Do. Question put	299	846	139	669
Do. Report	300	848	139	671
Do. do. Closure	306	861	139	824
Do. do. Question put	307	863	139	825
Do. Main Question put	308	865	139	827
Capital Expenditure (Money) Bill, Second Reading	316	881	139	1483
Chinese Labour (Transvaal)	66	185	132	367
Committee (Ascension Day)	117	333	134	1029
Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1878	114	323	134	489
Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, Second Reading	72	201	132	735
Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, Second Reading	340	929	140	301
Cunard Agreement [Money], Progress Closure	301	850	139	683
Do. do. Question put	302	852	139	685
Do. Closure	303	854	139	697
Do. do. Question put	304	856	139	699
Do. Report	305	858	139	703
Cunard Agreement (Money) Bill, Second Reading	315	879	139	1477
East India Revenues (Tibet)	76	209	133	131
Education (Local Authority Default), Leave to bring in a Bill	93	261	133	1209
Education (Local Authority Default) Bill, Second Reading Closure	239	689	138	217

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Education (Local Authority Default) Bill, Second Reading, Question put	240	692	137	221
Do. do. Main Question put	241	695	137	225
Do. In Committee, Clause 1, Closure	311	871	139	1232
Do. do. Question put	312	873	139	1233
Do. do. Closure	313	875	139	1253
Do. do. Question put	314	877	139	1255
Education (Scotland) Bill, Second Reading, Adjournment, Closure	102	289	134	215
Do. Question put	103	291	134	217
Do. In Committee, Clause 3	146	415	135	1547
Do. do. do.	147	418	135	1575
Do. do. do.	148	420	135	1583
Do. do. Clause 6.	149	423	136	63
Do. do. Clause 13	150	426	136	85
Do. do. Clause 25	153	433	136	175
Do. do. do.	154	435	136	209
Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, In Committee, Clause 1, Progress	329	907	139	1695
Do. do. do.	330	909	139	1697
Do. do. Clause 2	331	911	139	1699
Do. do. Schedule	341	931	140	325
Finance Bill, Second Reading	125	357	135	149
Do.	126	361	135	249
Do. In Committee, Clause 1, That Clause 1 be postponed	157	441	136	507
Do. do. Closure	158	444	136	583
Do. do. Question put	159	447	136	587
Do. do. Progress	160	450	136	595
Do. do. Closure	161	453	136	615
Do. do. Question put	162	455	136	617
Do. do. Closure	163	457	136	741
Do. do. Question put	164	460	136	747
Do. do.	165	463	136	781
Do. do.	166	466	136	793
Do. do. That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill	167	469	136	801
Do. Clause 2	168	471	136	849
Do. do. do	169	474	136	855
Do. do. Clause 2	170	477	136	871
Do. do.	171	480	136	903
Do. do.	242	697	138	331
Do. do.	243	700	138	341
Do. do.	246	707	138	365
Do. do. That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill	247	710	138	379
Do. do. Clause 4, That the Clause stand part of the Bill	248	713	138	431
Do. do. Clause 5, That the Clause, as amended stand part of the Bill	249	716	138	439
Do. do. Clause 6	250	719	138	475
Do. do. do.	251	723	138	577
Do. do. do.	252	725	138	530
Do. do. do. Progress	253	727	138	543
Do. do. do. Closure	254	729	138	545
Do. do. do. Question put	255	731	138	549
Do. do. Clause 7	256	733	138	559
Do. do. do. Closure	257	735	138	561
Do. do. do. Question put	258	737	138	565
Do. do. do. Closure	259	739	138	569
Do. do. do. Question put	260	741	138	571

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Finance Bill, In Committee, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, Closure	261	743	138	573
Do. do. do. Question put	262	745	138	575
Do. do. Progress, Closure	263	747	138	585
Do. do. do. Question put	264	749	138	587
Do. do. New Clause (Amendment of Section 2 of Finance Act, 1901)	265	751	138	599
Do. do. New Clause (Reduction of Coal Duty), Progress	266	753	138	637
Do. do. do. Closure Question put	267	755	138	652
Do. do. do. Question put	268	757	138	653
Finance Bill, As amended, considered. New Clause (Amendment of Section 3 of Finance Act, 1901)	269	759	138	955
Do. do. New Clause (Reduction of Coal Duty)	270	761	138	995
Do. do. New Clause (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt	271	765	138	1099
Do. do. New Clause (Exemption from duty of Alcohol used for motive power), Closure	272	768	138	1121
Do. do. do. Question put	273	771	138	1123
Do. do. New Clause (Abolition of Sugar Duty)	274	774	138	1143
Do. do. Amendment, page 1, line 16	275	777	138	1163
Do. do. Amendment, page 1, line 17	276	779	138	1169
Do. Third Reading	288	815	138	1565
Fiscal Policy	46	131	131	695
Free Food	127	364	135	299
Hall-Marking of Foreign Plate Bill, Second Reading	63	179	132	79
Do. As amended, considered, Clause 1	156	439	136	385
Irish Land Bill, Second Reading	215	617	137	1135
Do. do. Main Question put	216	619	137	1141
Irish Rivers (Drainage)	69	195	132	481
King's Speech (Address)	1	3	129	551
Do.	2	7	129	1446
Do Closure	3	11	130	117
Do. Question put	4	15	130	123
Do.	5	19	130	341
Do.	6	23	130	505
Do. Closure	7	26	130	509
Labourers (Ireland) Bill, Second Reading, Closure	174	487	136	1167
Do. Committal to Standing Committee on Trade, etc.	214	615	137	1103
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, Instruction to the Committee	61	174	131	1475
Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill, Second Reading	52	147	131	911
Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, Reference to Joint Committee	155	437	136	221

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Licensing, Leave to bring in a Bill	88	243	133	753
Licensing Bill, Second Reading, Closure	118	335	134	1095
Do. do. Question put	119	339	134	1099
Do. In Committee, Clause 1, That Clause 1 be postponed	134	383	135	817
Do. do. Clause 1, Closure	135	387	135	1025
Do. do. do. Question put	136	391	135	1031
Do. do. do. Main Question put	137	394	135	1035
Do. do. do. Progress	175	491	136	1271
Do. do. do. Closure	176	494	135	1323
Do. do. do. Question put	177	497	136	1327
Do. do. do.	178	500	136	1345
Do. do. do.	179	503	136	1359
Do. do. do.	180	507	136	1443
Do. do. do.	181	511	137	47
Do. do. do.	182	514	137	59
Do. do. do.	183	517	137	81
Do. do. do.	184	520	137	113
Do. do. do.	194	555	137	731
Do. do. do.	195	557	137	735
Do. do. do.	196	559	137	741
Do. do. do.	197	562	137	745
Do. do. do.	198	565	137	755
Do. do. do.	199	568	137	759
Do. do. do.	200	571	137	815
Do. do. do.	201	574	137	823
Do. do. do.	202	577	137	829
Do. do. do.	203	580	137	837
Do. do. do.	204	583	137	847
Do. do. do.	205	586	137	859
Do. do. do.	206	589	137	865
Do. [1st alloted Day] Clause 1, In Committee, Clause 1	207	592	137	875
Do. do. do.	208	595	137	879
Do. do. do.	209	598	137	887
Do. do. do.	210	601	137	893
Do. do. do.	211	604	137	899
Do. do. do. That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill	212	607	137	905
Do. do. Clause 2	217	621	137	1225
Do. do. do.	218	624	137	1261
Do. do. do.	219	627	137	1299
Do. do. do. That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill	220	631	137	1307
Do. do. Clause 3	221	634	137	1311
Do. do. do. That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill	222	627	137	1317
Do. do. Clause 4	223	641	137	1411
Do. do. Clause 5	224	644	137	1445
Do. do. do.	225	647	137	1451
Do. do. do.	226	651	137	1495
Do. do. do.	227	654	137	1521
Do. do. do.	228	657	137	1525
Do. do. do.	229	660	137	1533
Do. do. Clause 6	230	663	137	1569
Do. do, do. That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill	231	666	137	1576
Do do. Clause 7 That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill	232	669	137	1579
Do. do. Clause 8	233	672	137	1585

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Licensing Bill [1st allotted Day], Clause 8, That the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill	234	675	137	1598
Do. do. Clause 9 That the Clause stand part of the Bill	235	678	137	1593
Do. do. Schedule	236	681	137	1597
Do. do. That the Chairman do report the Bill, as amended, to the House	237	684	137	1601
Licensing Bill, as amended, considered, New clause (Duration of Act)	277	781	138	1251
Do. do. page 1, line 5	278	784	138	1269
Do. do. do.	279	787	138	1289
Do. do. page 1, line 6	280	790	138	1295
Do. do. page 1, line 24	281	793	138	1301
Do. do. page 2, line 15	282	796	138	1305
Do. do. page 2, line 22	283	799	138	1309
Do. do. page 3, line 33	284	803	138	1395
Do. do. page 3, line 42	285	806	138	1415
Do. do. page 5, line 8	286	809	138	1419
Do. do. page 6, line 36	287	812	138	1425
Do. That the Bill be now read the third time	289	819	139	155
Licensing Bill (Procedure), Closure	187	529	137	589
Do. Question put	188	534	137	595
Do. do.	189	539	137	665
Do. do.	190	543	137	678
Do. do.	191	546	137	712
Do. Closure	192	549	137	715
Do. Question put	193	552	137	721
Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill, Second Reading	101	285	134	69
London County Council (General Powers) Bill, Instruction to the Committee	49	141	131	825
London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, Instruction to the Committee	70	197	132	715
Do. do.	71	199	132	720
Do. Consideration, as amended, page 1, line 17	143	409	135	1313
Maidenhead Bridge Bill [*Lords*], Second Reading	151	423	136	105
Do. Instruction to the Committee	172	483	136	1065
Malicious Injuries (Ireland)	34	94	130	1461
Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) Bill, Second Reading	124	355	134	1353
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, Consideration, as amended	238	687	138	141
Milwr and District Mines Drainage Bill [*Lords*], Second Reading	116	331	134	841
Do. Instruction to the Committee	123	352	134	1243
Milwr and District Mines Drainage Bill [*Lords*], As amended, considered, New Clause (Compensation to owners and occupiers of mills on the Hollywell Stream	244	703	138	353
Do. do. do.	245	705		
Ministers of the Crown (Preferential Duties)	290	823	139	388
Musical Copyright Bill, as amended, considered, New Clause (Discretion of Court as regards fine and costs)	144	411	135	1399
Do. sub-section (2), Clause 1	145	413	135	1413
Payment of Members and Returning Officers' Expenses	120	343	134	1137
Penal Servitude Bill, Second Reading, Closure	133	381	135	769
Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, Second Reading	152	430	136	113
Police (Ireland)	73	203	132	1061
Port of London, That the proceedings on the Bill may be resumed	121	346	134	1141

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Do. Question put	65	183	132	109
Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, Second Reading	12	40	130	805
Shop Hours Bill, Second Reading	130	373	135	605
Do. Committal to Standing Committee	131	375	135	607
Do. Consideration, as amended, New Clause (Exemption of Shopkeepers)	339	927	140	141
Supply, on going into Committee (Navy Estimates), Naval Expenditure	30	83	130	1313
Do. Main Question put	31	86	130	1345
Do. Supply, on going into Committee (Army Estimates)	45	127	131	519
Do. On going into Committee (Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates)	82	225	133	467
Supply, In Committee :—				
Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903–4	8	29	130	627
Do. Closure	10	35	130	793
Do. Question put	11	38	130	795
Do.	18	55	130	1023
Do.	19	58	130	1031
Do. Closure	20	60	130	1053
Do. Question put	21	63	130	1057
Do.	22	66	130	1065
Do.	23	68	130	1067
Do. Closure	24	70	130	1073
Do. Question put	25	72	130	1075
Do.	26	74	130	1085
Do. Closure	27	76	130	1099
Do. Question put accordingly	28	78	130	1101
Do. Original question put	29	80	130	1108
Royal Palaces, Supplementary, Closure	14	45	130	865
Do. Closure, Original Question put	15	48	130	869
Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, Supplementary	16	50	130	901
Men and Boys for the Navy, Closure	32	89	130	1425
Do. Question put	33	92	130	1429
Wages, etc., to Officers, Seamen and Boys, Coast Guard, and Marines	35	97	130	1537
Do. Original Question put	36	100	130	1538
Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad	38	107	131	125
Do.	39	110	131	138
Do.	40	112	131	155
Do. Closure	41	114	131	159
Do. Question put	42	116	131	161
Number of Land Forces	47	135	131	805
Do. Original Question put	48	138	131	809
Pay, etc., of the Army, Closure	50	143	131	839
Do. Original Question put	51	145	131	841
Vote on Account	53	151	131	1095
National Education, Ireland, Supplementary	54	155	131	1143
Do. Progress	55	157	131	1149
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Do. Matériel	75	207	133	63
Warlike and other Stores: Supply and Repairs	77	213	133	247
Do.	78	216	133	255
Do.	80	220	133	275
Works, Buildings, and Repairs: Cost, including Staff for Engineer Services	81	222	133	287
Houses of Parliament Buildings	99	279	133	1493
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Do.	129	371	135	461

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Do. Closure, Question put	295	838	139	647
Home Office	309	867	139	1045
Shipbuilding and Repairs, etc., Section, Contract Work	310	869	139	1077
Post Office Telegraph Service	317	883	139	1635
For Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services	318	885	139	1639
Do. Class II.	319	887	139	1643
Do. Class III.	320	889	139	1647
Do. Class IV.	321	891	139	1649
Do. Class V.	322	893	139	1653
Do. Class VI.	323	895	139	1657
Do. Class VII.	324	897	139	1659
For Expenditure on the Navy Services	325	899	139	1663
Do. Army Services, including Ordnance Factories	326	901	139	1665
For Expenditure in respect of the Service included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments	327	903	139	1669
Supply, Report:—				
Army Supplementary Estimates	56	159	131	1201
Vote on Account	57	163	131	1328
Number of Land Forces	59	169	131	1457
Do. Question put	60	172	131	1461
Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad	62	176	131	1503
Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903–4	67	189	132	409
Royal Palaces, Supplementary	68	192	132	441
Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores	185	523	137	191
Outstanding Resolutions in respect of the Navy Estimates	332	913	140	103
Do. Army Estimates	333	915	140	107
Outstanding Resolutions, Revenue Department Estimates	334	917	140	110
Technical Education (Ireland) (Equivalent Grant)	17	53	130	933
Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, Consideration, as amended	132	378	135	701
Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill, Second Reading	43	119	131	261
Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill, Second Reading	91	253	133	1007
Transit and Railway Rates (Ireland)	13	42	130	829
Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill [*Lords*], Consideration as amended	186	526	137	259
Ways and Means, In Committee:—				
Customs, Tea	84	232	133	647
Do. Main Question put	85	235	133	651
Do. Tobacco	86	238	133	657
Do. do. Main Question put	87	241	133	663
Do. Income Tax	90	250	133	937
Do. Continuance of Additional Customs duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits	94	264	133	1231
Do. Continuance of Additional duties on Beer and Spirits	95	267	133	1235
Ways and Means	328	905	139	1689
Ways and Means, Report:				
Income-Tax	96	270	133	1261
Tea	97	273	133	1355
Do. Question put	98	276	133	1359
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Continuance of Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits	106	299	134	325
Do. Question put	107	302	134	329
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Do. do. Question put	109	308	134	351
Women's Disabilities	58	166	131	1365

PUBLIC PETITIONS.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 August 1904;—*for*

RETURN "of the Number of PUBLIC PETITIONS Presented and Printed in Session 1904; with the Total Number of Signatures in that year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.200, of Session 1903)."

YEAR.	Number of Petitions Presented.	Number of Petitions Printed.	Total Number of Signatures.
1904 - - - - -	12,558	125	444,055

WILLIAM H. LEY.

15*th August*, 1904. *Clerk of the Journals.*

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1. AN Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and four and one thousand nine hundred and five. (Consolidated Fund (No. 1).)

2. An Act to authorise the appropriation of the surplus funds derived from Battersea Park towards the opening of the Mall in Charing Cross and other Metropolitan Improvements. (Metropolitan Improvements (Funds).)

3. An Act to provide for raising further Money for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1899. (Telegraph (Money).)

4. An Act to amend the Wild Birds Protection Acts. (Wild Birds Protection.)

5. An Act to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. (Army (Annual).)

6. An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate. (Hall-marking of Foreign Plate.)

7. An Act to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue and the National Debt, and to make other provisions for the financial arrangements of the year. (Finance.)

8. An Act to amend the Savings Bank Acts. (Savings Banks.)

9. An Act to provide for the Registration of Clubs in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith. (Registration of Clubs (Ireland).)

10. An Act to extend the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Acts to the Island of St. Kilda, excepting as regards certain Birds required for the support of the inhabitants of the Island. (Wiid Birds Protection (St. Kilda).)

11. An Act to extend the privileges of the Graduates of the University of Liverpool. (University of Liverpool.)

12. An Act to extend the privileges of the Graduates of the University of Leeds. (Leeds University.)

13. An Act to provide for the Adjustment in accordance with changes of boundary effected under the London Government Act, 1899, of the Areas within which Local Authorities and Companies are authorised to supply Electricity. (London Electric Lighting Areas.)

14. An Act to amend the Post Office Acts with respect to cumulative commissions on Money Orders, and the use of embossed and impressed stamps. (Post Office.)

15. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. (Prevention of Cruelty to Children.)

16. An Act to enable Regulations to be made for carrying into effect conventions with respect to the prevention of danger arising to public health from vessels, and the prevention of the conveyance of infection by means of vessels. (Public Health.)

17. An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament. (Appropriation.)

18. An Act to make provision for the case of default on the part of Local Authorities in the performance of their duties as respects elementary schools. (Education (Local Authority Default).)

19. An Act to amend the Law relating to Private Sidings on Railways. (Railways (Private Sidings).)

20. An Act to make provision for the transfer of Property and other matters consequent upon the dissolution of Districts and Poor Law Unions or the addition of one Poor Law Union to another. (Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property).)

21. An Act to enable the Treasury to borrow by means of Exchequer Bonds for purposes for which they are authorised to borrow by means of Terminable Annuities. (Capital Expenditure (Money).)

22. An Act to make provision with respect to an advance to be made to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited), under an Agreement with that Company dated the thirtieth day of July nineteen hundred and three. (Cunard Agreement (Money).)

23. An Act to amend the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902, in respect to the extinction of Licences and the grant of new Licences. (Licensing.)

24 An Act to provide for the regulation of Wireless Telegraphy. (Wireless Telegraphy.)

25. An Act to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man. (Isle of Man (Customs).)

26. An Act to amend the Indian Councils Act, 1874. (Indian Councils.)

27. An Act to authorise the transfer to the Secretary for Scotland of certain powers and duties under the Acts relating to Reformatory and Industrial Schools. (Secretary for Scotland.)

28. An Act to amend the Law relating to Weights and Measures. (Weights and Measures.)

29. An Act to continue Various Expiring Laws. (Expiring Laws Continuance.)

30. An Act to provide for the foundation of Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham and for matters incidental thereto. (Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham.)

31. An Act to provide for the Early Closing of Shops. (Shop Hours.)

32. An Act to Amend the Outdoor Relief Friendly Societies Act, 1894. (Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies).)

33. An Act for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic. (Anglo-French Convention.)

34. An Act to explain and amend Section forty-eight of the Irish Land Act, 1903, with respect to the payment and application of the percentage provided by the said section. (Irish Land.)

35. An Act to amend the Law relating to prisons in Scotland by abolishing the distinction between general prisons and ordinary prisons. (Prisons (Scotland).)

36. An Act to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans. (Public Works Loans.)

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P. i. AN Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Dumbarton Tramways. (Dumbarton Tramways Order Confirmation.)

P. ii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Kilmarnock Corporation. (Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation.)

ROYAL ASSENT, 28th April 1904.

iii. An Act to enable the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company to raise further capital. (London Chatham and Dover Railway.)

iv. An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to William Young and Alexander Bell in respect of an invention for improvements in the decomposition of mineral oils for the production of illuminating gas and to William Young in respect of inventions (1) for improvements in the production of illuminating gas from mineral oils and in apparatus therefor and for producing water gas and (2) for improvements in the production of illuminating gas and bye-products from liquid hydrocarbons and in apparatus therefor. (Young and Bell's Patents.)

v. An Act to empower the Corporation of Appleby to purchase the undertaking of the Appleby Gas Light and Coal Company and to supply gas within the borough and for other purposes. (Appleby Corporation Gas.)

vi. An Act to empower the Southend Waterworks Company to raise further Capital and for other purposes. (Southend Waterworks.)

ROYAL ASSENT, 24th June 1904.

vii. An Act to make provision for dealing with the trustees' preference shares of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Limited and the trustees' certificates issued in respect thereof and for other purposes. (New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company's.)

viii. An Act to extend the time for the completion of railways and for other purposes. (Great Northern and City Railway.)

ix. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Corbridge Gas Company. (Corbridge Gas.)

x. An Act to empower the City of Norwich Waterworks Company to raise additional capital and for other purposes. (City of Norwich Waterworks.)

xi. An Act to extend the time for the completion of the authorised Pier and Works of the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Company and for other purposes. (Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier.)

xii. An Act to extend the time for the completion of certain railways by the Barry Railway Company and for other purposes. (Barry Railway.)

xiii. An Act to incorporate the Owens College Manchester with the Victoria University of Manchester and to transfer all the property and liabilities of the College to the Victoria University of Manchester and for other purposes. (Victoria University of Manchester.)

xiv. An Act for conferring further powers upon the Sutton Gas Company. (Sutton Gas.)

xv. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Bishop's Stortford and District Gas Company. (Bishop's Stortford and District Gas.)

xvi. An Act to incorporate the Hampton-in-Arden and Meriden Gas Company and to enable that Company to supply with gas certain parishes in the county of Warwick. (Hampton-in-Arden Gas.)

xvii. An Act to enable the Ipswich Dock Commissioners to construct certain works in connection with their docks to make a tramway and tramroad to raise additional money and for other purposes. (Ipswich Dock.)

xviii. An Act to amend the powers of the Great Eastern Railway Company with respect to the use of steam vessels. (Great Eastern Railway (Steamboat.).)

xix. An Act to amend the Huddersfield Corporation Act 1902 and for other purposes. (Huddersfield Corporation Act 1902 Amendment.)

xx. An Act to authorise the Metropolitan Railway Company to convert and consolidate their existing capital to raise additional capital and other purposes. (Metropolitan Railway.)

xxi. An Act for the abandonment of the West Metropolitan Railway and for other purposes. (West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment).)

xxii. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Wellington (Somerset) Gas Company and other purposes. (Wellington (Somerset) Gas.)

xxiii. An Act to make further and better provision with regard to the electric light undertaking of the Council and for the improvement health local government and finance of the district and for other purposes. (Kettering Improvement.)

xxiv. An Act to authorise the Gosport Waterworks Company to make additional Waterworks to acquire the Undertaking of the Lee-on-the-Solent Waterworks Company Limited and to raise additional capital to extend the limits of supply of the Company to confer further powers upon the Company and for other purposes. (Gosport Water.)

xxv. An Act to extend the limits of supply of the Amersham Beaconsfield and District Waterworks Company Limited and to confer further powers upon that Company. (Amersham Beaconsfield and District Water.)

xxvi. An Act for amalgamating the Mid Wales Railway Company with the Cambrian Railways Company for conferring further powers upon the last-named Company and for other purposes. (Cambrian Railways (Mid Wales Railway Amalgamation &c.).)

xxvii. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton to construct works for prevention of floods on the River Anker within the urban district of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton and the rural district of Nuneaton in the county of Warwick and for other purposes. (Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council (Prevention of Floods).)

xxviii. An Act for conferring further powers upon the Ryde Gaslight Company. (Ryde Gas.)

xxix. An Act to confer further powers upon the Blyth and Cowpen Gas Company. (Blyth and Cowpen Gas.)

xxx. An Act to confer further powers upon the Whitby Gas Company. (Whitby Gas.)

xxxi. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Company and for other purposes. (Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas)

xxxii. An Act for consolidating the capital of and for conferring further powers on the Sheppy Gas Company. (Sheppy Gas.)

xxxiii. An Act to confer further powers on the provost magistrates and councillors of the burgh of Govan in connection with their electricity undertaking and for other purposes. (Govan Electric Lighting (Further Powers).)

xxxiv. An Act to make provision with reference to the registration under the Companies Acts 1862 to 1900 of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company and the substitution of a memorandum and articles of association for their existing constitution and regulations and for the repeal of certain Acts relating to such Company and for other purposes. (Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company's.)

xxxv. An Act to merge the Yorkshire College in the University of Leeds and to transfer all the property and liabilities of the Yorkshire College to the University of Leeds and for other purposes. (University of Leeds.)

xxxvi. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the York Town and Blackwater Gas Company and for other purposes. (York Town and Blackwater Gas.)

xxxvii. An Act to authorise the Corporation of Chesterfield to construct and work tramways to excute further street works and improvements to extend their area for the supply of electricity to make further provision for the improvement local government and health of the Borough of Chesterfield and for other purposes. (Chesterfield Corporation Tramways and Improvements.)

xxxviii. An Act to change the name of the Croydon Commercial Gas and Coke Company to the "Croydon Gas Company" and to confer further powers on the Company with respect to the raising of additional capital the construction and maintenance of additional gasworks and for other purposes. (Croydon Gas.)

xxxix. As Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Chippenham Gas Company and for other purposes. (Chippenham Gas.)

xl. An Act to enable the Elysée Palace Hotel Company Limited to issue paid-up ordinary shares in satisfaction of the deferred shares to provide for the extinction of such deferred shares and for other purposes. (Elysée Palace Hotel Company Limited.)

xli. An Act for conferring further powers upon the mayor aldermen and councillors of the metropolitan borough of Saint Marylebone with regard to the supply of electricity and for other purposes. (Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting.)

xlii. An Act to authorise the Colney Hatch Gas Company to raise additional Capital to acquire Lands to enlarge their Works to alter name of Company to amend their existing Acts and for other purposes. (Colney Hatch Gas.)

xliii. An Act for consolidating the Capital of the Gomersal Gas Company for enabling that Company to raise additional Capital and for other purposes. (Gomersal Gas.)

xliv. An Act to confer further powers on the North Staffordshire Railway Company. (North Staffordshire Railway.)

xlv. An Act to authorise the Chesterfield Gas and Water Board to make new waterworks and extend their gasworks and for other purposes. (Chesterfield Gas and Water Board.)

xlvi. An Act to provide for the sale of the Chapel of St. James Westmoreland Street and for other purposes connected therewith. Marylebone Chapels (Saint James Westmoreland Street).)

xlvii. An Act to vary and amend the provisions of the South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Acts 1891 and 1894 and for other purposes. (South Staffordshire Mines Drainage.)

xlviii. An Act to make provision for the application and distribution of the water stock issued to the New River Company in discharge of the sum payable as compensation for the transfer of their water undertakings to the Metropolitan Water Board for the reconstruction of the Company and its registration as a limited company and for other purposes. (New River Company's.)

xlix. An Act to empower the urban district council of Kirkby-in-Ashfield to supply gas and to provide for the transfer to the Council of so much of the gas undertaking of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Urban District Council as is situate within the urban district of Kirkby-in-Ashfield and for other purposes. (Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Council (Gas).)

l. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Brixham Gas Company. (Brixham Gas.)

li. An Act for incorporating the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Company and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water and for other purposes. (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water.)

lii. An Act to confer upon the Urban District Council of Acton further powers with regard to the supply of electricity and the improvement health local government and finance of the district and for other purposes. (Acton Improvement.)

liii. An Act to confer additional powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon that Company and the Great Eastern Railway Company and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee and the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee for the construction of works and the acquisition of lands and for other purposes. (Midland Railway.)

liv. An Act to confer further powers upon the Lancashire Electric Power Company and for other purposes. (Lancashire Electric Power.)

lv. An Act to confer further powers on the Tynemouth Gas Company. (Tynemouth Gas.)

lvi. An Act to authorise the Preston Chorley and Horwich Tramways Company to acquire lands and for other purposes. (Preston Chorley and Horwich Tramways.)

lvii. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Barnard Castle Gas Company. (Barnard Castle Gas.)

lviii. An Act to empower the Governors of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in the city of London to demolish the church of Saint Bartholomew the Less and to use the site thereof and the burial ground adjoining thereto for the purposes of the said hospital and for uniting for ecclesiastical purposes the parish of Saint Bartholomew the Less with the parish of Saint Bartholomew the Great and for other purposes. (Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.)

P lix. An Act to confirm a scheme with respect to Norman's or No Man's Land Hillingdon East (Metropolitan Commons (Hillingdon East) Supplemental.)

P lx. An Act to confirm an Amended Scheme with respect to Farnborough Common Broad Street Green Leach's Green and Green Street Green. (Metropolitan Commons (Farnborough) Supplemental.)

P lxi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Metropolitan Police Act 1886 and the Metropolitan Police Courts Act 1897 relating to lands in the parishes of Islington Tottenham Putney and Woolwich. (Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation.)

P lxii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-in-Makerfield Brighton Manchester Nelson Scarborough and Sunderland. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1).)

P lxiii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brixham Coventry Liverpool Ripon and Southwark and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital District. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P lxiv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Earsdon the Hanley Stoke Fenton and Longton the Henley and Wallingford the Wallingford and Crowmarsh and the Whitchurch and District Joint Hospital Districts. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3).)

P. lxv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Stourbridge Union. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation. (Poor Law).)

P. lxvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Barry Clitheroe Gainsborough Glastonbury Heysham Kirkby-in-Ashfield Saffron Walden Walmer Whickham and Yardley. (Electric Lighting Confirmation (No. 1).)

ROYAL ASSENT, 22ND JULY 1904.

lxvii. An Act to authorise the Donegal Railway Company to raise further Moneys by the creation and issue of Guaranteed Preference Stock for the purpose amongst others of completing the Ballyshannon Extension and to empower the Company to own and work Motor Cars and other Vehicles and for other purposes. (Donegal Railway.)

lxviii. An Act to empower the Mullingar Kells and Drogheda Railway Company to make a Deviation Railway in the County of Westmeath and an Extension Railway in the County of Louth and to enable that Company and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to enter into working and other agreements and for other purposes. (Mullingar Kells and Drogheda Railway.)

lxix. An Act to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of lands for and completion of the railways and works authorised by the South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Act 1901 and for other purposes. (South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time).)

lxx. An Act to extend the limits of supply of the Bexhill Water and Gas Company to authorise the Company to raise additional Capital and to construct additional Waterworks and for other purposes. (Bexhill Water and Gas.)

lxxi An Act to confer powers on the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Company for widening and alterings roads and acquiring lands in the Counties of Middlesex and London to authorise the sale of the undertaking of the Company to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways Limited and to provide for the dissolution and winding-up of the Company and for other purposes. (Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways.)

lxxii. An Act to confer further powers upon the London Tilbury and Southend Railway Company. (London Tilbury and Southend Railway.)

lxxiii. An Act to confer further Powers upon the Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power Company and for other purposes. (Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power.)

lxxiv. An Act to confirm and give effect to arrangements between the Corporation of Manchester and the Manchester Ship Canal Company with respect to the financial relations between the two bodies and to empower the Manchester Ship Canal Company to raise further money by borrowing and to create additional capital and for other purposes. (Manchester Ship Canal (Finance).)

lxxv. An Act to confer further powers on the Corporation of Preston with reference to their Water Undertaking and for other purposes. (Preston Corporation Water.)

lxxvi. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Shipley to purchase the Gas Undertaking of Sir Titus Salt Bart. Sons and Company Limited and to acquire Land construct Street Works consolidate their loans and borrow money and for other purposes. (Shipley Urban District Council.)

lxxvii. An Act to confer further powers upon the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Company and for other purposes. (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power.)

lxxviii. An Act to confer powers on the Great Northern Railway Company with reference to the construction of Works and the purchase of Lands to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of certain Lands by the Company to empower the Company and the Great Central Railway Company to purchase Lands and to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain Lands by those Companies and for other purposes. (Great Northern Railway.)

lxxix. An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the Matlock and District Gas Company and for other purposes. (Matlock and District Gas.)

lxxx. An Act for amalgamating the undertakings of the Ticehurst and Robertsbridge Water Company and the Wadhurst Ticehurst and District Gas Light and Coke Company for extending their limits of supply for authorising the construction of works and the raising of additional capital and for other purposes. (Ticehurst and District Water and Gas.)

lxxxi. An Act for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking and upon that Company and the Great Western Railway Company in relation to their Joint Undertaking and for other purposes. (London and North Western Railway.)

lxxxii. An Act to authorise the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company to acquire Additional Lands to confer further Powers and for other purposes. (Baker Street and Waterloo Railway.)

lxxxiii. An Act to authorise the Brymbo Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply to raise additional Capital and for other purposes. (Brymbo Water.)

lxxxiv. An Act to constitute as a separate undertaking certain railways of the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies' Joint Committee and certain other railways authorised to be constructed by the Great Central and Midland Railway Companies' jointly and for other purposes. (Great Central and Midland Railway Companies.)

lxxxv. An Act to empower the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Company to construct a new dock with connecting railway and other works and entrance into the River Humber to abandon the docks and works authorised by the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Act 1901 and for other purposes. (Humber Commercial Railway and Dock.)

lxxxvi. An Act for conferring further powers on the Southend Gas Company. (Southend-on-Sea Gas.)

lxxxvii. An Act to provide for the payment to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and application by them of moneys payable under the City and South London Railway Act 1896 by the City and South London Railway Company in respect of the Church of Saint Mary Woolnoth in the city of London and for other purposes. (Saint Mary Woolnoth Church.)

lxxxviii. An Act to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Minehead Waterworks Company Limited to the Minehead Urban District Council and to confer further powers on the said Council with respect to the supply of Water and for other purposes. (Minehead Urban District Council.)

lxxxix. An Act to confer further powers on the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company and for other purposes. (Clyde Valley Electrical Power.)

xc. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Birkdale to make further provision in regard to the Health Local Government Improvement and Finance of the Urban District and for other purposes. (Birkdale Improvement.)

xci. An Act to change the name of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company to the South Suburban Gas Company and to confer further powers on the Company. (South Suburban Gas.)

xcii. An Act to extend the time for taking certain lands and for the construction of certain authorised works by the Southport and Lytham Tramroad Company and the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Southport to authorise the raising of further capital and for other purposes. (Southport and Lytham Tramroad.)

xciii. An Act to authorise the raising by borrowing of money for the provision and erection of premises for the Sessions of the Central Criminal Court. (City of London (Central Criminal Court House).)

xciv. An Act to confer further powers on the Urban District Council of Filey in the East Riding of the County of York in relation to their gas and water undertakings and in relation to the sea-shore and to make further and better provision for the improvement health local government and finance of the district and for other purposes. (Filey Improvement.)

xcv. An Act to free Maidenhead Bridge from tolls to enable the Corporation of Maidenhead to borrow money for discharging the mortgage debt on the bridge for vesting the Bridge Estates in the Corporation and for other purposes in connection therewith. (Maidenhead Bridge.)

xcvi. An Act to authorise the construction of new Works and the acquisition of Lands by the Great Central Railway Company in connection with their undertaking the construction of new railways by the Cheshire Lines Committee and the Seaforth and Sefton Junction Railway Company respectively and the acquisition of Lands by the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee and the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Company respectively in connection with their respective undertakings the acquisition by the Great Central Railway Company of the Undertakings of the Wrexham Mold and Connah's Quay and Buckley Railway Companies and for other purposes. (Great Central Railway.)

xcvii. An Act to regulate the expenditure of money by the London County Council on capital account during the current financial period and the raising of money to meet such expenditure and for other purposes. (London County Council (Money).)

xcviii. An Act to confer further borrowing powers upon the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Plymouth. (Plymouth Corporation.)

xcix. An Act to empower the Corporation of Wolverhampton to construct tramways and to make further provision in regard to their tramway electricity and market undertakings and the health local government and improvement of their borough and for other purposes. (Wolverhampton Corporation.)

c. An Act to authorise the closing and sale of certain Churches in the City of Liverpool and the Borough of Wigan and the sale of certain Vicarages or houses of residence the extinction of certain Ecclesiastical Districts and Parishes the merger thereof in other districts and Parishes and the conversion of certain Ecclesiastical Districts into separate Ecclesiastical Parishes in the said City and for other purposes. (Liverpool and Wigan Churches.)

ci. An Act to empower the Corporation of Barrow-in-Furness to construct an opening bridge across Walney Channel to make certain street works to lay down additional tramways and to execute works in connection with their water undertaking and for other purposes. (Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.)

cii. An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Richard Jaeger in respect of an invention for an improved process for the dry slaking of lime and apparatus therefor. (Richard Jaeger's Patent.)

ciii. An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Doncaster with reference to their Water and Gas Undertakings to make further and better provision with regard to the improvement health local government and finance of the said Borough and for other purposes. (Doncaster Corporation.)

civ. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Skipton to construct additional Waterworks and to make further provision with regard to the supply of electricity and for the improvement health local government and finance of the district and for other purposes. (Skipton Water and Improvement.)

cv. An Act to enable the Soothill Nether Urban District Council to make and maintain Tramways and Street Improvements to acquire land for the purpose of a refuse destructor and for other purposes. (Soothill Nether Urban District Tramways.)

cvi. An Act to change the name of the Llanelly Harbour and Burry Navigation Commissioners to the Llanelly Harbour Trust and to alter the constitution of the Trust to revive and extend the powers for the compulsory purchase of lands and for the execution of works under the Llanelly Harbour Acts 1896 and 1901 and otherwise amend those Acts to empower the Trust to borrow moneys with the consent of the Urban District Council of Llanelly and otherwise to alter and extend the financial powers of the Trust and for other purposes. (Llanelly Harbour.)

cvii. An Act to increase the number of the Wards and of the Council of the Borough of Tynemouth and for other purposes. (Tynemouth Corporation.)

cviii. An Act for conferring further powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company and for other purposes. (Great Eastern Railway (General Powers).)

cix. An Act for conferring further powers on the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Company and for other purposes. (North Western Electricity and Power-Gas.)

cx. An Act for conferring further powers upon the Charing Cross Euston and Hampstead Railway Company and for other purposes. (Charing Cross Euston and Hampstead Railway.)

P. cxi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under Sections 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act 1902 relating to the County Borough of Swansea. (Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Swansea).)

P. cxii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under the Education Acts 1870 to 1903 to enable the School Board for London to put in force the Lands Clauses Acts. (Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London).)

P. cxiii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under the Education Acts 1870 to 1903 to enable the Council of the City and County Borough of Birmingham to put in force the Land Clauses Acts. (Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham).)

P. cxiv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under Sections 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act 1902 relating to the County Borough of Cardiff. (Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Cardiff).)

P. cxv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Portsmouth. (Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 4).)

P. cxvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bradford (Yorkshire) Ealing Eaton Bray (Rural) Glastonbury Rhyl and the Fylde Water Board District. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5).)

P. cxvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the County Palatine of Lancaster and the counties of Rutland and Surrey. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6).)

P. cxviii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Godalming Haworth Northallerton and Tipton. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7).)

P. cxix. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Kingswood West Ham and the Knighton and Teme the North East Durham and the South Shields Rural and Southwick-on-Wear Joint Hospital Districts. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8).)

P. cxx. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Ashton-under-Lyne and District the Congleton and District and the Wath Swinton and District Joint Hospital Districts. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12).)

P. cxxi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brighouse Pwllheli Wath upon Dearne and Worthing and the North Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 14).)

P. cxxii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Cardiff. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 15).)

P. cxxiii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to East Dereham and Neyland. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas).)

P. cxxiv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Bangor and Newtownards and the County of Cork United Districts and the Ports of New Ross and Waterford. (Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P. cxxv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Rural Districts of Rathdown (No. 1) and Rathdown (No. 2). (Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4).)

P. cxxvi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Inclosure Acts 1845 to 1899 relating to Merrow Downs in the Parish of Merrow in the County of Surrey. (Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order.)

P. cxxvii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Inclosure Acts 1845 to 1899 relating to Oxshott Heath in the Parish of Cobham in the County of Surrey. (Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order.)

P. cxxviii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act 1861 relating to lands in the Parishes of Owston and West Butterwick in the County of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsey). (Land Drainage Provisional Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland) 1863 and the Acts amending the same relating to the Farney Bridge and Ballynahow Drainage District in the County of Tipperary. (Drainage and Improvement of Lands Supplemental (Ireland).)

P. cxxx. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 relating to Wexford. (Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 1).)

P. cxxxi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act 1890 and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act 1902 relating to Musselburgh Portpatrick and Wishaw. (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5).)

P. cxxxii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888 containing the Schedule of Maximum Rates and Charges applicable to the Regent's Canal. (Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxiii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment). (Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxiv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the North British Railway. (North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Paisley District Tramways. (Paisley District Tramways Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxvi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedule (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Burgh of Leith. (Leith Burgh Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxvii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Airdrie Corporation Gas. (Airdrie Corporation Gas Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxviii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Wishaw Corporation. (Wishaw Corporation Order Confirmation.)

P. cxxxix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Leith Corporation (Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation.)

P. cxl. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Burgh of Govan. (Govan Corporation Order Confirmation.)

P cxli. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Caledonian Railway. (Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation.)

P. cxlii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Glasgow and South Western Railway. (Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation.)

ROYAL ASSENT, 1st August 1904.

P. cxliii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station. (Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Order Confirmation.)

P. cxliv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Dunbartonshire (Vale of Leven) Water. (Dunbartonshire (Vale of Leven) Water Order Confirmation).)

P. cxlv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Arbroath Corporation Water. (Arbroath Corporation Water Order Confirmation.)

P. cxlvi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Dunfermline District Water. (Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation.)

P. cxlvii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Melrose District Water. (Melrose District Water Order Confirmation.)

P. cxlviii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Scotch Education Department under the Education (Scotland) Act 1878 to enable the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh to put in force the Lands Clauses Acts. (Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh).)

cxlix. An Act to authorise the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to constuct new Railways to widen certain existing Railways and to construct other Works to acquire additional Lands and to raise Additional Capital and for other purposes. (Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers).)

cl. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Thurles in the County of Tipperary to construct Waterworks for the supply of the District and for other purposes. (Thurles Urban District Council Water).

cli. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Ebbw Vale to construct additional Waterworks and for other purposes. (Ebbw Vale Water.)

clii. An Act to empower the Corporation of Harrogate to construct a temporary tramroad telephonic communication and other works in connection with their Waterworks and for other purposes. (Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad.)

cliii. An Act to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Bournemouth to construct further tramways and to acquire the undertaking of the Tuckton Bridge Company and for other purposes. (Bournemouth Corporation.)

cliv. An Act to confer further powers upon the Metropolitan District Railway Company and for other purposes. (Metropolitan District Railway.)

clv. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Lytham to provide a Town Hall to make further provision in regard to their Gas Undertaking and to the Health Local Government and Improvement of their District and for other purposes. (Lytham Improvement.)

ROYAL ASSENT, 15th August 1904.

P. clvi. An Act to facilitate the opening and working of certain of the lower series of Coal Seams in His Majesty's Forest of Dean and in the Hundred of St. Briavels in the County of Gloucester and for certain other purposes connected with the Mines in the said Forest and Hundred. (Dean Forest (Mines))

P. clvii. An Act to make better provision for the administration of Justice at Sessions of the Peace and for the transaction of County business in the County of Suffolk. (County of Suffolk.)

P. clviii. An Act to enable His Majesty's Postmaster - General to acquire lands in London, Southgate, Blackpool, Leeds, and Newcastle-on-Tyne for the Public Service and for other purposes. (Post Office (Sites).)

P. clix. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bolton, Congleton, Keighley, Newton-in - Mackerfield, Oswestry, and Wisbech. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9).)

P. clx. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Chiswick East Ham Great Crosby and York. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10).)

P. clxi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Guildford New Sarum and the County of Wilts. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11).)

P. clxii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth and Wigan. (Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13).)

P. clxiii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892 relating to Hamilton Gas. (Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation).

P. clxiv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 relating to Bognor Gas Elham Valley Gas Elstree and Boreham Wood Gas Finedon Gas and Godalming Gas. (Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1).)

P. clxv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 relating to Grays Gas Hedon Gas Northampton Gas Rochford Gas and Romford Gas. (Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P. clxvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 relating to St. Margaret's Gas Stirling Gas Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt Gas Worsbroughdale and Worsbrough Gas and Worthing Gas. (Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3).)

P. clxvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Blackrock Clonmel Dalkey Killiney and Ballybrack Kingstown Nenagh Pembroke Rathmines and Rathgar Templemore and Thurles and the Counties of Dublin Tipperary (North Riding) and Tipperary (South Riding). (Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1).)

P. clxviii An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Castlerea (Rural) Midleton (Rural) North Dublin (Rural and Westport. (Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3).)

P. clxix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Harbour of Courtown in the County of Wexford. (Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 5).)

P. clxx. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Dundee Broughty Ferry and District Tramways. (Dundee Broughty Ferry and District Tramways Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxi. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Glasgow Corporation (Police). (Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Greenock Corporation. (Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Newburgh and North Fife Railway. (Newburgh and North Fife Railway (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxiv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Kirkaldy Corporation. (Kirkaldy Corporation Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Bath Rural District Brynmawr Chippenham Eastleigh and Bishopstoke Hanwell Southgate Urban District Tamworth Walton - le - Dale Watford and Widnes (Amendment). (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P. clxxvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Birkenhead (Extension) Bishop Auckland (Amendment) Huddersfield (Extension to Golcar) Maidenhead (Extensions) Milford on-Sea Newquay Penzance Ramsgate Sunderland Districts and Tavistock. (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3).)

P. clxxvii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Ashford (Kent) Ely Ham Hexham Horley Keynsham (Somerset) Kingswood Newton Abbot (Extension) Teignmouth (Amendment) and Walton-upon-Thames. (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4).)

P. clxxviii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Clevedon Portishead and Long Ashton Crediton Devizes Hampton Wick and District Houghton-le-Spring and District the Maldens and Coombe Northampton and District Stroud Nailsworth and Dursley and Trowbridge (Urban) Bradford-on-Avon (Urban) and Bradford-on-Avon (Rural). (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 6).)

P. clxxix. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders granted by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 relating to Caerphilly Epsom Rural District (Cheam) Mansfield Woodhouse North Worcestershire (Bromsgrove Urban) and Sutton-in-Ashfield. (Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 8).)

P. clxxx. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Act 1870 relating to Altrincham Urban District Council Tramways Calverley Urban District Council Tramways Crompton Urban District Council Tramways Plymouth Corporation Tramways Rochdale Corporation Tramway Royton Urban District Council Tramways and Wardle Urban District Council Tramway. (Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1).)

P. clxxxi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Act 1870 relating to Bishop Auckland Shildon and Spennymoor Tramways Dewsbury Corporation Tramways East Ham Urban District Council Tramways Ossett Corporation Tramways Sunderland Corporation Tramway and West Ham Corporation Tramways. (Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P. clxxxii. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 relating to Rainham Water Sevenoaks Water Southwold Water Wetherby District Water and Meldreth and Melbourn District Gas and Water. (Gas and Water Orders Confirmation.)

P. clxxxiii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Glasgow Corporation (Tramways &c.). (Glasgow Corporation (Tramways &c.). Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxxiv. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 relating to Hartlepool and Waterford. (Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2).)

P. clxxxv. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 relating to Islay. (Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 3).)

P. clxxxvi. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 relating to Bradfield Water Cholderton and District Water Elham Valley Water Frimley and Farnborough District Water and North Sunderland Waterworks. (Water Orders Confirmation.)

P. clxxxvii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Aberdeen City Improvements. (Aberdeen City Improvements Order Confirmation.)

P. clxxxviii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Edinburgh and District Water. (Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation).

P. clxxxix. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer.) (Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation.)

P. cxc. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Perth Corporation. (Perth Corporation Order Confirmation.)

P. cxci. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Ayr Corporation Tramways. (Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation.)

P. cxcii. An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899 relating to Glasgow Corporation (Sewage.) (Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation.)

cxciii. An Act to empower the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company to extend their existing South Dock and to construct other Works and to execute a diversion or straightening of the River Ebbw and for other purposes. (Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway.)

cxciv. An Act to empower the Portmadoc Beddgelert and South Snowdon Railway Company to construct new Railways and to authorise Agreements between that Company and the North Wales Narrow Gauge Railways Company and for other purposes. (Portmadoc Beddgelert and South Snowdon Railway.)

cxcv. An Act for empowering the Cardiff Railway Company to construct a new Railway and to abandon the construction of a portion of Railway already authorised and for amending the Acts relating to the Cardiff Railway Company and for other purposes. (Cardiff Railway.)

cxcvi. An Act to confer further powers on the Derwent Valley Water Board to confer powers upon the Corporation of Leicester with respect to the Works authorised to be constructed by that Corporation under the powers of the Derwent Valley Water Act 1899 to confer borrowing powers upon the Corporations of Derby Leicester Sheffield and Nottingham and for other purposes. (Derwent Valley Water.)

cxcvii. An Act for conferring further powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own undertaking and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company in respect of undertakings in which they are jointly interested and upon the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee in respect of their undertaking for authorising the abandonment of the Somersetshire Coal Canal and the vesting of the site thereof in the Great Western Railway Company for amalgamating the Abingdon Railway Company with the Great Western Railway Company and for other purposes. (Great Western Railway.)

cxcviii. An Act for conferring further powers on the London United Tramways (1901) Limited for constructing Tramways and widening and altering roads and acquiring lands in the Counties of Middlesex Surrey and London and for other purposes. (London United Tramways.)

cxcix. An Act to confer further powers upon the Urban District Council for the District of Tottenham in the County of Middlesex and to confer powers upon the Metropolitan Electric Tramways Limited. (Tottenham Improvement.)

cc. An Act to enable the Barnet District Gas and Water Company to acquire additional lands construct additional works and raise further capital and for other purposes. (Barnet District Gas and Water.)

cci. An Act to empower the Strabane Raphoe and Convoy Railway Company to construct Railways in the Counties of Tyrone and Donegal to change the name of the Company and for other purposes. (Strabane Raphoe and Convoy Railway (Extension to Letterkenny).)

ccii An Act to authorise the Surrey Commercial Dock Company to raise further Capital and for other purposes. (Surrey Commercial Dock.)

cciii. An Act to provide for the Acquisition and Construction of Piers and Landing-places on the River Thames in the Administrative County of London by the London County Council and to make provision for a service of Vessels for passengers and parcels and for other purposes. (Thames River Steamboat Service.)

cciv. An Act to authorise the construction of Tramways in Torquay and for other purposes. (Torquay Tramways.)

ccv. An Act to confer further powers upon the Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Company with respect to the construction and maintenance of works and the acquisition of lands and for other purposes. (Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads.)

ccvi. An Act to authorise the making of Tramways and Tramroads in the City of Belfast and in the County of Down and for other purposes. (Holywood Tramways.)

ccvii. An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Lothians Electric Power Company. (Lothians Electric Power.)

ccviii. An Act to empower the Corporation of Great Yarmouth to construct tramways street improvements and other works and to acquire the ferries across the Haven to make further provision in regard to the health local government and improvement of their borough and for other purposes. (Great Yarmouth Corporation.)

ccix. An Act to authorise the sale and disposal of the Site of King's College Hospital London and the acquisition of Lands for and Erection of a new Hospital and for other purposes. (King's College Hospital.)

ccx. An Act for empowering the Corporation of Leeds to construct certain temporary railways and works to facilitate the construction of their authorised waterworks in the valley of the Burn and to authorise the placing of electric lines in certain highways and for other purposes. (Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway.)

ccxi. An Act to authorise the Corporation of Manchester to construct tramways and street widenings within and beyond the city to confer further powers upon the Corporation and neighbouring authorities with respect to the exercise of powers relating to tramways works and electricity within and beyond the city and for other purposes. (Manchester Corporation Tramways.)

ccxii. An Act to authorise the Manchester Ship Canal Company to vary the levels of and depth of Water in their Canal and to construct new Works and to alter certain provisions of The Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885 and the Manchester Ship Canal Act 1896 and for other purposes. (Manchester Ship Canal.)

ccxiii. An Act for empowering the North Wales Power and Traction Company Limited to construct Generating Stations and supply Electricity in certain parts of North Wales and for other purposes. (North Wales Electric Power.)

ccxiv. An Act to authorise the Wakefield and District Light Railway Company to construct Tramways and a Tramroad and other works in the West Riding of the County of York and for other purposes. (West Riding Tramways.)

ccxv. An Act to incorporate and confer powers upon the Felixstowe Gas Light Company. (Felixstowe Gas.)

ccxvi. An Act to confer on the Urban District Council of Radcliffe further powers with regard to their Tramways Undertaking to construct new tramways and street improvements to extend the Town's Yard and to make further provision in regard to the supply of Electricity and for the Improvement Health Local Government and Finance of the District and for other purposes. (Radcliffe Tramways and Improvement.)

ccxvii. An Act to confer further Powers upon the South Shields Gas Company. (South Shields Gas.)

ccxviii. An Act to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of lands required for and for the completion of certain works and for other purposes. (London and India Docks Company.)

ccxix. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Ilford in the County of Essex to carry out street improvements, to make further provision for the Improvement Health Local Government and Finance of the District and for other purposes. (Ilford Urban District Council.)

ccxx. An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to construct and work Additional Tramways in and adjacent to the City to widen existing Streets to construct new Streets across and Works in the Ouseburn Valley to make a new Quay to acquire lands to establish a Superannuation Fund to raise further Money and to confer various further powers upon the Corporation in respect of their existing Quays and for other purposes. (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation.)

ccxxi. An Act for the Abandonment of a portion of the undertaking authorised by the Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways Act 1902 and for other purposes. (Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways.)

ccxxii. An Act to make further and better provision for the Health Good Government and Improvement of the Borough of Bridlington and for other purposes. (Bridlington Corporation.)

ccxxiii. An Act to extend the City and County of Bristol and for other purposes. (Bristol Corporation.)

ccxxiv. An Act for authorising the Urban District Council of Buxton to acquire from the Most Noble Spencer Compton Duke of Devonshire K.G. the Mineral Water Baths of Buxton and to maintain and improve the same and for other purposes. (Buxton Urban District Council.)

ccxxv. An Act for transferring the powers of the West Manchester Light Railways Company and for providing for the regulation of certain Roads in Trafford Park and for other purposes. (Trafford Park.)

ccxxvi. An Act to empower the Urban District Council of Stretford to construct Additional Tramways and other works within their District and to make further and better provision for the Good Government of the said Urban District and for other purposes. (Stretford Urban District Council.)

ccxxvii. An Act to authorise the Barry Railway Company to provide and work Steam Vessels to raise Additional Capital and for other purposes. (Barry Railway (Steam Vessels).)

ccxxviii. An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Company and for other purposes. (Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas.)

ccxxix. An Act to empower the Lord Major Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Belfast to construct and work Tramways and to purchase by Agreement the Undertaking of the Belfast Street Tramways Company including the Tramways constructed by the Sydenham District Belfast Tramways Company and the Belfast and Ligoniel Tramways Company and the Tramways of the Belfast and County Down Railway Company and for other purposes. (Belfast Corporation (Tramways).)

ccxxx. An Act to confer further powers upon the Neath Pontardawe and Brynaman Railway Company for the construction of Railways and the raising of Capital and for other purposes. (Neath Pontardawe and Brynaman Railway.)

ccxxxi. An Act to enable the London County Council to construct and work New Tramways and to alter and reconstruct existing Tramways in the County of London to make Street Improvements in the Counties of London and Kent to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to construct a New Street and for other purposes. (London County Council (Tramways and Improvements).)

ccxxxii. An Act to provide for altering the Wards of the County Borough of Rotherham and for increasing the number of Aldermen and Councillors to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the Borough in regard to their Gas Water Tramways and Electrical Undertakings to make further provisions for the health improvement and local government of the Borough and for other purposes. (Rotherham Corporation.)

ccxxxiii. An Act to enable the Urban District Council of Selby to construct New Waterworks and to make further provision with regard to their Water and Gas Undertakings and for the improvement health and local Government of the District. (Selby Urban District Council.)

ccxxxiv. An Act to enable the Corporation of the Borough of Swindon to make new Tramways and to make further provisions with reference to Markets and for the health local government and improvement of the Borough and for other purposes. (Swindon Corporation.)

ccxxxv. An Act to confer powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester with reference to the construction of Waterworks and Streets and otherwise for the better local government and improvement of the City to extend the City and to make provision with reference to the borrowing powers of the Corporation and for other purposes. (Manchester Corporation (General Powers).)

ccxxxvi. An Act to extend the limits of supply of the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company and to enable Local Authorities within the additional limits to require the Company to supply them with Water in bulk and to empower the Company to raise further Capital and for other purposes. (Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks.)

ccxxxvii. An Act for conferring further powers on the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company Limited for constructing Tramways and widening and altering roads and acquiring lands in and near Bristol and for other purposes. (Bristol Tramways (Extensions).)

ccxxxviii. An Act to constitute and incorporate a Joint Water Board consisting of Representatives of the Oakengates and Dawley Urban District Councils in the county of Salop and for other purposes. (Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board.)

ccxxxix. An Act to authorise the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to provide and work Steam Vessels between the Ports of Goole and Hull and certain Continental Ports and to subscribe to the Funds of Steamship Companies and for other purposes. (Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels).)

ccxl. An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Leyton in the County of Essex to construct and work Tramways and to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their Tramways Undertaking and their Electrical Undertaking to empower the Council to execute certain street widenings to provide for vesting in the Council certain Lammas Lands as open spaces and recreation grounds to make further provision for the improvement health and local government of the District and for other purposes. (Leyton Urban District Council.)

ccxli. An Act to confer further powers on the Loch Leven Water and Electric Power Company and to extend the time for the purchase of lands and for the completion of part of the anthorised works of that Company and for other purposes. (Loch Leven Water Power (Amendment).)

ccxlii. An Act to authorise the Trustees of the Clyde Navigation to construct Quays Wharves and Basins at Yorkhill and Merklands and River Walls Tramways and other works to make further provision with respect to the storage of goods tolls and rates and the borrowing of additional Money and for other purposes. (Clyde Navigation.)

ccxliii. An Act for conferring further powers on the Imperial Tramways Company Limited for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads and acquiring Lands in the North Riding of the County of York and for other purposes. (Middlesbrough Stockton-on-tees and Thornaby Tramways.)

ccxliv. An Act to empower the London County Council to acquire Lands for Fire Brigade purposes to make provisions with respect to Sanitary and other like matters to authorise the exchance of certain lands at Tooting Bec Common to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to purchase Lands for various purposes to change the name of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade to confer various powers upon the London County Council and upon the Councils of Metropolitan Boroughs and for other purposes. (London County Council (General Powers).)

ccxlv. An Act to consolidate the Parishes in the City of Carlisle into one Parish to make further and better provision for the health good government and improvement of the City and for other purposes. (Carlisle Corporation.)

PRIVATE ACTS.

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ROYAL ASSENT, 1st August 1904.

1. An Act to amend the Scarisbrick Estate Act 1877. (Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment).)

ROYAL ASSENT, 15th August 1904.

2. An Act for confirming an Agreement between the Right Honourable Godfrey Charles Lord Tredegar and the Trustees of his Settled Estates and the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company for the conveyance to the Company of lands forming part of the Settled Estates and an Agreement between the Company and Lord Tredegar for the issue to Lord Tredegar of a sum of £150,000 Preferred Ordinary Stock of the Company for authorising the Trustees of the Settled Estates to purchase from Lord Tredegar a sum of £50,000 part of such last-mentioned Preferred Ordinary Stock for confirming the purchase by the Trustees of the Settled Estates of a sum of £50,000 Preferred Ordinary Stock of the Company created and issued under the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Act 1897 and for other purposes. (Lord Tredegar's Supplemental Estate.)

3. An Act to enlarge the powers of investment of the Trustees of Sir Humphrey Francis de Trafford's settled estates so as to enable them to purchase his life interest in the settled estates and for vesting such life interest in such Trustees and for other purposes. (De Trafford Estate.)

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 10.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 August 1904;—*for*,

RETURN "of MOTIONS for ADJOURNMENT under STANDING ORDER No. 10, showing the Date of such Motion, the Name of the Member proposing, the definite matter of Urgent Public Importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1904 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 318 of Session 1903)."

I.—LEAVE OF THE HOUSE SIGNIFIED WITHOUT A CALL UPON MEMBERS TO RISE IN THEIR PLACES.

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Session 1904.

7 March 1904. Page 144 of the Votes. Cabinet resignations.

(Mr. *John Ellis*, Member for Nottinghamshire (Rushcliffe Division)),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the omission of the Prime Minister to give the House a full account of the proceedings in relation to the causes and circumstances of the resignations of a number of the Members of his Cabinet during last Autumn, especially having regard to the statements made by them as to such causes and circumstances;" and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was put and negatived on Division (Ayes, 172; Noes, 237).

II.—LEAVE OF THE HOUSE SIGNIFIED BY NOT LESS THAN FORTY MEMBERS RISING IN THEIR PLACES.

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Session 1904.

22 February 1904. Page 100 of the Votes. Transvaal (Chinese Labour) Ordinance.

(Dr. *Macnamara*, Member for Camberwell),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the promulgation of the Ordinance providing for the introduction of Indentured Chinese Labour into the Transvaal before the Ordinance and its Regulations have been discussed by the House of Commons in their complete and operative form;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 10 until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was put and negatived on Division (Ayes, 156; Noes, 212).

20 April 1904. Page 266 of the Votes. Ecclesiastical Disorders (Royal Commission).

(Mr. *Austin Taylor*, Member for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the composition of and scope of the reference to the Royal Commission appointed to investigate Ecclesiastical Disorders in the Church of England;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen; the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was put and negatived on Division (Ayes, 90; Noes, 176).

5 May 1904. Page 323 of the Votes. Treatment of South African Natives (Witwatersrand).

(Major *Seeley*, Member for the Isle of Wight),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the cruel and improper treatment of South African Natives employed on the Witwatersrand Mines, as disclosed by the report of Delegates and Correspondence relating thereto contained in Blue Book, G. 4, 1904, lately presented to both Houses of Parliament at the Cape of Good Hope by Command of His Excellency the Governor ;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was put and negatived on a Division (Ayes 150 ; Noes, 213).

20 June 1904. Page 475 of the Votes. East Africa (Alien Settlement).

(Mr. *Cathcart Wason*, Member for Orkney and Shetland),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the danger to the peace of East Africa arising out of the steps now being taken with the sanction of His Majesty's Government for the establishment of an Alien Settlement in East Africa on lands now in the occupation of Native populations; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn was put and negatived without a Division.

28 June 1904. Page 512 of the Votes. Army Reorganisation.

(Mr. *Beckett*, Member for Yorkshire (North Riding, Whitby Division)),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the alarming deficiency in the drafts required for India and South Africa, and the confusion and uncertainty now prevailing in the War Office and the Army owing to the prolonged delay in the announcement of a definite scheme of Army reorganisation ;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was proposed, and at midnight the Motion lapsed without Question put.

19 July 1904. Page 609 of the Votes. Lord Dundonald and the Canadian Government.

(Mr. *Lloyd-George*, Member for Carnarvon District),—for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the conduct of Major-General Lord Dundonald, late Commander of the Militia in Canada, in taking part, whilst still an Officer in the British Army, in political agitation against His Majesty's Government in the Dominion of Canada ;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, when the Question, That this House do now adjourn, was put and negatived without a Division.

III.—LEAVE OF THE HOUSE GIVEN ON DIVISION.

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Session 1904.

Nil.

IV.—LEAVE OF THE HOUSE REFUSED BY LESS THAN FORTY MEMBERS RISING IN THEIR PLACES

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Session 1904.

Nil.

V.—MR. SPEAKER DECLINES TO ALLOW THE MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE HOUSE.

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Session 1904.

Nil.

WILLIAM H. LEY,
Clerk of the Journals.

14*th August* 1903.

SUMMARY.

MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.	Session 1904.
I.—Leave of the House signified without a Call upon Members to rise in their Places	1
II.—Leave of the House signified by not less than Forty Members rising in their Places	6
III.—Leave of the House given on Division	0
IV.—Leave of the House Refused by less than Forty Members rising in their Places	0
V.—Motions for Adjournment not allowed by Mr. Speaker to be submitted to the House	0
Total	7

NUMBER of times Members asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House in each of the following Years.

1882	4	1895	Session 1 - 2 Session 2 - 0	2
1883	5	1896		6
1884	9	1897		7
1885	4	1898		5
1886	4	1899	Session 1 - 5 Session 2 - 0	5
1887	11	1900	Session 1 - 6 Session 2 - 0	6
1888	10	1901		9
1889	7	1902		14
1890	6	1903		3
1891	5	1904		7
1892	3			
1893-94	20			
1894	5			

15*th August* 1904.

WILLIAM H. LEY,
Clerk of the Journals.

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 August 1904;—*for*,

RETURN "of the Number of Days on which the House sat in Session 1904, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and Day of the Week, the Hour of the Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.199, of Session 1903)."—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

SESSION 1904.

Day of the Month.	Day of the Week.	Hour of Meeting.	Hour of Adjournment.	No. of Hours Sitting.	No. of Hours after Midnight.	No. of Entries in Votes.
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
Feb. 2	Tu.	2 0	P.M. 11 15	9 15	—	93
„ 3	Wd.	2 0	A.M. 12 1	10 1	0 1	27
„ 4	Th.	2 0	P.M. 11 55	9 55	—	107
„ 5	Fr.	12 0	5 23	5 23	—	59
„ 8	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 1	10 1	0 1	30
„ 9	Tu.	2 0	P.M. 11 50	9 50	—	62
„ 10	Wd.	2 0	A.M. 12 1	10 1	0 1	12
„ 11	Th.	2 0	12 1	10 1	0 1	19
„ 12	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 30	5 30	—	16
„ 15	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 35	10 35	0 35	51
„ 16	Tu.	2 0	P.M. 11 57	9 57	—	40
„ 17	Wd.	2 0	A.M. 12 30	10 30	0 30	36
„ 18	Th.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	27
„ 19	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 50	5 50	—	25
„ 22	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 14	10 14	0 14	41
„ 23	Tu.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	39
„ 24	Wd.	2 0	P.M. 11 46	9 46	—	32
„ 25	Th.	2 0	A.M. 12 32	10 32	0 32	32
„ 26	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 32	5 32	—	22
„ 29	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 1	10 1	0 1	41
Total -	20	- -	- -	183 14	2 16	811
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
Mar. 1	Tu.	2 0	A.M. 12 10	10 10	0 10	43
„ 2	Wd.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	35
„ 3	Th.	2 0	12 18	10 18	0 18	36
„ 4	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 38	5 38	—	30
„ 7	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 3	10 3	0 3	56
„ 8	Tu.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	60
„ 9	Wd.	2 0	12 15	10 15	0 15	48
„ 10	Th.	2 0	12 22	10 22	0 22	59
„ 11	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 40	5 40	—	32
Total -	9	- -	- -	82 41	1 23	399
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
Mar. 14	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 12	10 12	0 12	57
„ 15	Tu.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	59
„ 16	Wd.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	27
„ 17	Th.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	43
„ 18	Fr.	12 0	5 48	5 48	—	51
„ 21	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 30	10 30	0 30	76
„ 22	Tu.	2 0	12 15	10 15	0 15	66
„ 23	Wd.	2 0	12 2	10 2	0 2	39
„ 24	Th.	2 0	1 20	11 20	1 20	52
„ 25	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 35	5 35	—	52
„ 28	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 10	10 10	0 10	73
„ 29	Tu.	2 0	P.M. 11 20	9 20	—	48
Total -	12	- -	- -	113 31	2 48	1,042
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
Apr. 12	Tu.	2 0	P.M. 7 12	5 12	—	48
„ 13	Wd.	2 0	A.M. 12 5	10 5	0 5	86
„ 14	Th.	2 0	12 26	10 26	0 26	46
„ 15	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 32	5 32	—	35
„ 18	M.	2 0	11 41	9 41	—	42
„ 19	Tu.	2 0	A.M. 1 34	11 34	1 34	90
„ 20	Wd.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	63
„ 21	Th.	2 0	12 20	10 20	0 20	54
„ 22	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 41	5 41	—	50
„ 25	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 10	10 10	0 10	73
„ 26	Tu.	2 0	12 7	10 7	0 7	71
„ 27	Wd.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	59
„ 28	Th.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	53
„ 29	Fr.	12 0	5 32	P.M. 5 32	—	47
Total -	14	- -	- -	124 35	2 57	817
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
May 2	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 22	10 22	0 22	82
„ 3	Tu.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	73
„ 4	Wd.	2 0	12 13	10 13	0 13	65
„ 5	Th.	2 0	12 14	10 14	0 14	46
Total -	4	- -	- -	40 53	0 53	266

Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat in Session of 1904, &c.—*continued.*

Day of the Month.	Day of the Week.	Hour of Meeting.	Hour of Adjournment.	No. of Hours Sitting.	No. of Hours after Midnight.	No. of Entries in Votes.
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
May 6	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 36	5 36	—	77
„ 9	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 1	10 1	0 1	28
„ 10	Tu.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	102
„ 11	Wd.	2 0	12 15	10 15	0 15	61
„ 12	Th.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	70
„ 13	Fr.	12 0	P.M 5 36	5 36	—	47
„ 16	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 9	10 9	0 9	97
„ 17	Tu.	2 0	12 15	10 15	0 15	93
„ 18	Wd.	2 0	12 15	10 15	0 15	57
„ 19	Th.	2 0	P.M. 7 25	5 25	—	39
„ 31	Tu.	2 0	7 30	5 30	—	49
Total -	11	- -	- -	93 12	1 5	720
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
June 1	Wd.	2 0	A.M. 12 8	10 8	0 8	106
„ 2	Th.	2 0	12 5	10 5	0 5	59
„ 3	Fr.	12 0	P M. 5 48	5 48	—	69
„ 6	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 5	10 5	0 5	85
„ 7	Tu.	2 0	12 40	10 40	0 40	64
„ 8	Wd.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	54
„ 9	Th.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	49
„ 10	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 34	5 34	—	40
„ 13	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 7	10 7	0 7	102
„ 14	Tu.	2 0	12 3	10 3	0 3	55
„ 15	Wd.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	54
„ 16	Th.	2 0	P.M. 7 25	5 25	—	23
„ 17	Fr.	12 0	5 35	5 35	--	62
„ 20	M.	2 0	A.M. 1 42	11 42	1 42	84
„ 21	Tu.	2 0	12 59	10 59	0 59	59
„ 22	Wd.	2 0	1 10	11 10	1 10	42
„ 23	Th.	2 0	12 12	10 12	0 12	52
„ 24	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 49	5 49	—	53
„ 27	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 10	10 10	0 10	106
„ 28	Tu.	2 0	12 3	10 3	0 3	76
„ 29	Wd.	2 0	12 12	10 12	0 12	82
„ 30	Th.	2 0	12 2	10 2	0 2	60
Total -	22	- -	- -	204 1	5 50	1,436
1904.		H. M.	H.M.	H. M.	H. M.	
July 1	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 27	5 27	—	48
„ 4	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 37	10 37	0 37	115
„ 5	Tu.	2 0	12 4	10 4	0 4	53
„ 6	Wd.	2 0	12 35	10 35	0 35	61
„ 7	Th.	2 0	12 6	10 6	0 6	73
„ 8	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 56	5 56	—	59
„ 11	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 40	10 40	0 40	94
„ 12	Tu.	2 0	12 3	10 3	0 3	69
„ 13	Wd.	2 0	1 0	11 0	1 0	34
„ 14	Th.	2 0	12 18	10 18	0 18	99
„ 15	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 6 5	6 5	—	29
„ 18	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 55	10 55	0 55	86
„ 19 „ 20	Tu. Wd.	2 0	P.M. 3 35	25 35	15 35	64
„ 21	Th.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	98
„ 22	Fr.	12 0	5 43	5 43	—	49
„ 25	M.	2 0	A.M. 1 45	11 45	1 45	94
„ 26	Tu.	2 0	12 10	10 10	0 10	81
„ 27	Wd.	2 0	P.M. 11 42	9 42	—	28
„ 28	Th.	2 0	A.M. 12 16	10 16	0 16	108
„ 29	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 54	5 54	—	70
Total -	20	- -	- -	201 1	22 14	1,412
1904.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
Aug. 1	M.	2 0	A.M. 12 20	10 20	0 20	69
„ 2	Tu.	2 0	6 10	16 10	6 10	96
„ 3	Wd.	2 0	2 4	12 4	2 4	78
„ 4	Th.	2 0	12 45	10 45	0 45	104
„ 5	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 5 40	5 40	—	41
„ 8	M.	2 0	A.M. 1 42	11 42	1 42	92
„ 9	Tu.	2 0	3 32	13 32	3 32	67
„ 10	Wd.	2 0	1 42	11 42	1 42	52
„ 11	Th.	2 0	1 8	11 8	1 8	52
„ 12	Fr.	12 0	P.M. 8 5	8 5	—	38
„ 13	Sat.	12 0	2 13	2 13	—	17
„ 15	M.	—	Prorogation.		—	13
Total -	12	- -	- -	113 21	17 23	719

SUMMARY.

MONTH.	Number of Days Sitting.	Number of Hours Sitting.		Number of Hours after Midnight.		Number of Entries in Votes.
SESSION 1904.		H.	M.	H.	M.	
February	20	183	14	2	16	811
March	21	196	12	4	11	1,042
April	14	124	35	2	57	817
May	15	134	5	1	58	986
June	22	204	1	5	50	1,436
July	20	201	1	22	14	1,412
August	12	113	21	17	23	719
Total	124	1,156	29	56	49	7,223

Average Length of Sitting daily, 9 hours 19 minutes 35$\frac{10}{31}$ seconds.

WILLIAM H. LEY,
Clerk of the Journals.

15 *August* 1904.

DIVISIONS OF THE HOUSE.

RETURN of the Number of DIVISIONS of THE HOUSE in the Session of 1904; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers included; also, the AGGREGATE NUMBER in the House on each Division; distinguishing the DIVISIONS on PUBLIC BUSINESS from PRIVATE; and also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.202, of Session 1903).

SUMMARY OF DIVISIONS.

SESSION 1904.

Number of Divisions on PUBLIC BUSINESS	before Midnight	- - -	254
Ditto - - - -	after Midnight -	- - -	69
Ditto PRIVATE BUSINESS	before Midnight	- - -	18
Ditto - - - -	after Midnight -	- - -	0
TOTAL Number of Divisions in Session 1904		- -	341

DIVISIONS ON PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:						
9	Feb. 22	Adjournment.—Dr. Macnamara, Member for Camberwell, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the promulgation of the Ordinance providing for the introduction of indentured Chinese Labour into the Transvaal before the Ordinance and its Regulations have been discussed by the House of Commons in their complete and operative form;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than forty Members have accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the *Evening sitting, this day.* —Motion made, and Question put, "That this House do now adjourn."—(*Dr. Macnamara.*)	158	214	373	B. M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:	Adjournment—*continued.*					
44	Mar. 7	——— Mr. John Ellis, Member for Nottinghamshire (Rushcliffe Division), rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the omission of the Prime Minister to give the House a full account of the proceedings in relation to the causes and circumstances of the resignations of a number of the Members of his Cabinet during last Autumn, especially having regard to the statements made by them as to such causes and circumstances;" and, the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until this *Evening's Sitting.*—Motion made, and Question put, "That this House do now adjourn."—(*Mr. John Ellis.*)	174	239	414	B. M.	
89	Apr. 20	——— Mr. Austin Taylor, Member for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the composition of and the scope of the reference to the Royal Commission appointed to investigate Ecclesiastical Disorders in the Church of England;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until this *Evening Sitting.* Motion made, and Question put, "That this House do now adjourn."—(*Mr. Austin Taylor.*)	92	178	271	B. M.	
115	May 5	———Major Seely, Member for the Isle of Wight, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the cruel and improper treatment of South African Natives employed on the Witwatersrand Mines as disclosed by the Report of Delegates and Correspondence relating thereto contained in the Blue Book, G. 4, 1904, lately presented to both Houses of Parliament, at the Cape	152	215	368	B. M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:	Adjournment—*continued.* of Good Hope by command of His Excellency the Governor;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until this *Evening Sitting.*—Motion made, and Question put, "That this House do now adjourn."—(*Major Seely.*)					
92	Apr. 25	Aliens Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed to leave out all the words after the word "That," in order to add the words "This House holding that the evils of low-priced alien labour can best be met by legislation to prevent sweating, desires to assure itself before assenting to the Aliens Bill that sufficient regard is had in the proposed measure to the retention of the principle of asylum for the victims of persecution."—(*Sir Charles Dilke.*)—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	243	119	363	B.M.	
138	June 8	———— "That the Order for Committee be read, and discharged; and that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, &c."—(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)	279	189	469	B.M.	
139	" "	Aliens [Expenses] — in Committee.—"That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salaries and remuneration of any persons employed and of any Expenses incurred under any Act of the present Session, to make provision with respect to the Immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto. — (*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) — Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "but not exceeding in any one year five thousand pounds."—(*Mr. Lloyd-George.*) — Question proposed, "That those words be there added."—Debate arising.—Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place, and claimed to move: "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	181	125	307	B.M.	
140	June 8	———— Question put accordingly, "That those words be there added."	135	189	325	B.M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:	Aliens [Expenses]—*continued.*					
141	June 8	——— Whereupon Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas claimed, "That the Main Question be now put."— Main Question put accordingly.	194	142	337	B.M.	
142	,, ,,	——— Question put, "That the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House."	194	144	339	B.M.	
110	May 4	Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in view of the continuance in the Established Church of England and Wales of grave and widespread disorders which the Archbishops and Bishops have failed to restrain, this House declines to assent to any revival of the provisions of the Bishoprics Act, 1878, until satisfactory assurances are obtained that the Archbishops and Bishops will enforce a reasonable conformity by the clergy to the Book of Common Prayer, the Articles of Religion, and the law as determined by the Courts which have statutory jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical."—(*Mr. Charles M'Arthur*),—instead thereof:— Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	281	99	381	B.M.	
111	,, ,,	———Main Question put accordingly.	284	87	372	B.M.	
112	,, ,,	——— "That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, &c."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)—Debate arising; Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	244	122	367	B.M.	
113	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly -	238	122	361	B.M.	
335	Aug. 10	Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill,—Not amended (by the Standing Committee), considered:—Amendment, page 1, line 6.—(*Mr. Brynmor Jones.*)	152	64	217	B.M.	
336	,, ,,	——— Schedule I.—Amendment, page 2, line 5.—(*Mr. Higham.*)	144	53	198	B.M.	
337	,, ,,	——— Amendment, page 2, line 10. —(*Mr. Higham.*)	142	53	196	B.M.	
338	,, ,,	——— Schedule I. — Amendment, page 2, line 16.—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)	133	46	180	- -	A.M.

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
37	1904: Mar. 2	Brussels Sugar Convention.—"That the decisions of the Permanent Commission of the Brussels Sugar Convention have operated so as to inflict grave injury on the manufacturers of sugared products in the United Kingdom as compared with their Foreign rivals, and that the Convention has failed to confer the a anticipated benefits on the West Indies."	164	204	369	B. M.	
83	Apr. 19	Business of the House (Ways and Means).—"That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if under consideration at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)	294	125	420	B. M.	
104	May 3	Business of the House (Ways and Means).—"That the Proceedings of the Reports of the Committee of Ways and Means, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)	242	165	408	B. M.	
291	Aug. 2	Business of the House (Government Business).—"That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business be not interrupted, except at half past Seven of the clock at an Afternoon Sitting, under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed, and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)—Debate arising;—Amendment proposed, in line 2, after the word "except," to insert the words "on Fridays and."—(*Mr. Ellis Griffith.*)—Question put, "That those words be there inserted."	140	210	351	B. M.	
292	,, ,,	———— Main Question again proposed:—Debate arising;—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put:"—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	214	136	361	B. M.	
293	,, ,,	—— ——Question put accordingly	218	130	349	B. M.	
296	,, ,,	Capital Expenditure [Money].—(In Committee.)—"That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums	129	56	186		A. M.

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	1904 :	Capital Expenditure [Money],—(In Committee)—*continued.* which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*) —"That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again."—(*Sir Edward Grey.*)—Debate arising; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
297	Aug. 2	——————Question put accordingly, "That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again."	55	129	185	- -	A. M.
298	,, ,,	—————— Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising;—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the question be now put":—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	124	55	180	- -	A. M.
299	,, ,,	——————Question put accordingly -	125	55	181	- -	A. M.
300	,, ,,	——————Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament.—Question put, "That the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House."	125	55	181	- -	A. M.
306	,, 3	Capital Expenditure [Money], Resolution reported; "That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament."—Resolution	134	50	185	-	A. M.

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	1904:	Capital Expenditure [Money]—*continued.* read a second time:—Amendment proposed, in line 2, after the word "sums," to insert the words "not exceeding in the aggregate six and a-quarter millions pounds."—(*Mr. Soares.*)—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."—Debate arising; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
307	Aug. 3	—— ——Question put accordingly, "That those words be there inserted."	50	132	183	– –	A. M.
308	,, ,,	—— ——Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer claimed "That the main Question be now put."—Main Question put accordingly, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."	132	47	180	– –	A. M.
316	,, 8	Capital Expenditure [Money] Bill,—That the Bill be now read a second time.	131	34	166	– –	A. M.
66	Mar. 21	Chinese Labour (Transvaal).—"That this House disapproves the conduct of His Majesty's Government in advising the Crown not to disallow the Ordinance for the introduction of Chinese Labour into the Transvaal."—(*Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.*)	244	301	546	– –	A. M.
117	May 11	Committees (Ascension Day).—"That Committees do not sit To-morrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)	114	98	213	B. M.	
72	Mar. 24	Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."	141	41	183	—	A. M.
340	Aug. 11	Consolidated Fund [Appropriation] Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Debate arising;—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	151	50	202	B. M.	
114	May 4	Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1887.—"That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act on the Statute Book is a gross violation of the constitution, without parallel in any other portion of His Majesty's dominions, and that the Act should be immediately repealed." (*Mr. Boland.*)	126	199	326	B. M.	

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301	1904: Aug. 2	Cunard Agreement [Money],—(In Committee.)—"That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums not exceeding in the whole 2,600,000*l.*, as are required for making the Advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and approved by the House of Commons 12th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said agreement."—(*Mr. Victor Cavendish.*)—Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. William Jones.*)—Debate arising;—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	125	55	181	- -	A.M.
302	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly, "That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again."	54	125	180	- -	A. M.
303	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed. — Debate arising;— Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	123	49	173	- -	A. M.
304	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly.	123	44	168	- -	A.M.
305	,, ,,	————Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding in the whole 2,600,000*l.*, as are required for making the Advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited), under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and approved by the House of Commons, 12th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the	123	44	168	- -	A.M

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	1904:	Cunard Agreement [Money],—(In Committee)—*continued.* Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement.—Question put, "That the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House."					
315	Aug. 8	Cunard Agreement [Money] Bill;—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words, "upon this day three months."—(*Mr. Lough.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	140	36	177	--	A.M.
76	April 13	East Indian Revenues (Tibet).—"That this House consents to the Revenue of India being applied to defray the expenses of any Military Operations which have or may become necessary beyond the frontiers of His Majesty's Indian Possessions, for the purpose of protecting the Political Mission which has been despatched to the Tibetan Government."—(*Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*)	272	63	336	B.M.	
93	,, 26	Education (Local Authority Default).—"That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the case of default on the part of Local Authorities in the performance of their duties as respects Elementary Schools."—(*Sir William Anson.*)—And, the motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 11.	264	112	377	B.M.	
239	July 15	Education (Local Authority Default) Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and add the words "this House declines to pass any measure to extend the powers of the Board of Education under the Education Acts of 1902 and 903 until the Government is prepared to introduce a Bill to amend the said Acts by abolishing all religious tests on teachers, and placing all Elementary Schools supported by public funds under complete popular control."—(*Mr. Lloyd Morgan.*)	228	142	371	B.M.	

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	1904:	Education (Local Authority Default) Bill —*continued.* Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."—Debate arising; and it being half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business. — Whereupon Sir William Anson rose in his place and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
240	July 15	Question put accordingly, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	247	113	361	B. M.	
241	,, ,,	——— Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the main Question be now put."—Main Question put accordingly.	235	104	340	B. M.	
311	Aug. 5	Education (Local Authority Default) Bill, In Committee:—Clause 1:—Amendment.—(*Mr. Ellis Griffith.*)—Debate arising;—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	148	76	225	B. M.	
312	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	152	70	223	B. M.	
313	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Whitley.*)—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	155	91	247	B. M.	
314	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	84	168	253	B. M.	
102	May 2	Education (Scotland) Bill,—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—"That the Debate be now adjourned."—(*Mr. Weir.*)—Debate arising.—Mr. Graham Murray rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	130	74	205	B. M.	
103	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly, "That the Debate be now adjourned."	72	129	202	- -	A. M.
146	June 13	——— (In Committee.)—Clause 3. — Amendment. — (*Mr. Graham Murray.*)—Amendment to proposed Amendment.—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)	84	201	286	B. M.	
147	,, ,,	——— Amendment. —(*Mr. Parker Smith.*)	54	191	246	B. M.	

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	1904 :	Education (Scotland) Bill (In Committee) —*continued.*					
148	June 13	——— Amendment.—(*Colonel Denny*)	38	173	212	B.M.	
149	,, 14	——— Clause 6.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Graham Murray.*)	87	215	303	B.M.	
150	,, ,,	——— Clause 13. — Amendment.— (*Colonel Denny.*)	85	222	307	B.M.	
153	,, 15	——— Clause 25. — Amendment.— (*Mr. Graham Murray.*)	56	235	292	B.M.	
154	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Graham Murray.*)	120	171	292	B.M.	
329	Aug. 9	Expiring Laws Continuance Bill,—Committee :—Clause 1 :—"That the Clause stand part of the Bill."—"That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. Sydney Buxton.*)	38	125	164	- -	A.M.
330	,, ,,	——— Question put, "That the Clause stand part of the Bill."	122	37	160	- -	A.M.
331	,, ,,	——— Clause 2.—"That the Clause stand part of the Bill."	122	37	160	- -	A.M.
341	,, 11	——— Schedule—Page 4, lines 16 and 17.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Delany.*)	143	50	194	B.M.	
125	May 17	Finance Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, having regard to the heavy burden of taxation proposed by this Bill in a time of peace, deems it necessary to declare its condemnation of the large and continuous increase of the national expenditure in recent years."—(*Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.*) — "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."—Question put.	299	215	515	B.M.	
126	,, 18	——— "That the Bill be now read a second time."—Question put.	280	167	448	B.M.	
157	June 20	——— (In Committee.)—Clause 1.— "That Clause 1 be postponed."—(*Mr. Sydney Buxton.*)	134	209	344	B.M.	
158	,, ,,	———Clause 1.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*) Closure.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)—Question put.	214	168	383	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Finance Bill (in Committee)—*continued.*					
159	June 20	——— Question put accordingly.	219	167	387	B.M.	
160	,, ,,	——— "That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. Churchill.*)	153	198	352	B.M.	
161	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Churchill.*)—Closure.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)—Question put.	160	111	272	-	A. M.
162	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	40	200	241	- -	A. M.
163	,, 21	———Amendment.—(*Mr. Hugh Law.*) Closure.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)	262	196	459	B.M.	
164	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	272	187	460	B.M.	
165	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Kearley.*)	150	196	347	B.M.	
166	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Kearley.*)	203	148	352	B M.	
167	,, ,,	——— "That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	150	117	268	- -	A. M.
168	,, 22	——— Clause 2.—Amendment.—(*Mr. J. H. Whitley.*)	166	218	385	B. M.	
169	,, ,,	——— Amendment (*Mr. Lough.*)	244	185	430	B.M.	
170	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Duncan.*)	241	181	423	B.M.	
171	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Sir Walter Foster.*)	169	137	307	B.M.	
242	July 18	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. M'Kenna.*)	225	175	401	B.M.	
243	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. M'Kenna*).	230	168	399	B.M.	
246	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)—Amendment to proposed Amendment.—(*Mr. Sydney Buxton.*)	196	154	351	B.M.	
247	,, ,,	——— That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.	162	96	259	- -	A. M.
248	,, 1	——— Clause 4.—"That the Clause stand part of the Bill."	190	131	322	B.M.	
249	,, ,,	——— Clause 5,—"That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	219	143	363	B M.	
250	,, ,,	——— Clause 6.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)	167	236	404	B.M.	
251	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Lambert.*)	211	103	315	-	A. M.

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	1904:	Finance Bill (In Committee)—*continued.*					
252	July 19	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. M'Kenna.*)	82	173	256	- -	A. M.
253	,,	——— Progress.—(*Mr. Sydney Buxton.*)	77	170	248	- -	A. M.
254	,, ,,	——— Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill,' be now put."—Question put, "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	169	76	246	- -	A.M.
255	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	168	72	241	- -	A.M.
256	,, ,,	——— Clause 7.—Amendment.—(*Mr. M'Crae.*)	160	67	228	- -	A.M.
257	,, ,,	——— Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill,' be now put."—Question put, "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	159	67	227	- -	A.M.
258	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	160	67	228	- -	A.M.
259	,, ,,	——— Clause 8.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Soares.*)—Closure.—(*Mr. Attorney General.*)	157	67	225	- -	A.M.
260	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	158	66	225	- -	A.M
261	,, ,,	——— Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."—Question put, "That the Question put 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	157	67	225	- -	A.M.
262	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly.	158	67	226	- -	A.M.
263	,, ,,	——— Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again:"—(*Mr. John Wilson, Durham.*)—Debate arising—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	156	67	224	- -	A.M.
264	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly, "That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again."	67	157	225	- -	A.M.

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265	1904 : July 19	Finance Bill (In Committee)—*continued.* ——— New Clause (Amendment of section 2 of Finance Act, 1901)—(*Mr. Lough*) brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	68	152	221	- -	A.M.
266	" "	——— Another new Clause (Reduction of Coal Duty)—*Mr. John Wilson, Durham*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Chairman do report Progress ; and ask leave to sit again."—(*Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman.*)	114	197	312	- -	A.M.
267	" "	——— Original Question again proposed.—Debate arising; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	175	119	295	- -	A.M.
268	" "	——— Question put accordingly, "That the Clause be read a second time."	131	175	307	- -	A.M.
269	" 22	——— As amended, considered.—A Clause (Amendment of section three of Finance Act, 1901)—(*Mr. Channing*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	89	149	239	B.M.	
270	" "	——— Another Clause (Reduction of coal duty)—(*Mr. Joseph Walton*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	144	199	344	B.M.	
271	" 25	——— Another Clause (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt) *Mr. Edmund Robertson*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	138	225	364	B.M.	
272	" "	——— Another Clause (Exemption from duty of alcohol used for motive power)—*Mr. Charles Hobhouse*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question proposed,	227	136	364	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Finance Bill (In Committee)—*continued.* "That the Clause be read a second time."—Debate arising; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
273	July 25	——— Question put accordingly, "That the Clause be read a second time."	130	221	352	B.M.	
274	,, ,,	——— Another Clause (Abolition of sugar duty)—(*Mr. Channing*)—brought up, and read the first time.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	126	203	330	B.M.	
275	,, ,,	——— Amendment, page 1, line 16.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)	193	109	303	- -	A.M.
276	,, ,,	——— Another Amendment, page 1, line 17.—(*Mr. MacNeill.*)	172	77	250	- -	A.M.
288	,, 28	——— "That the Bill be now read the third time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day three months."—(*Mr. Thomas Shaw*).—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	208	131	340	B.M.	
46	Mar. 9	Fiscal Policy.—Motion made, and Question put, "That this House, noting the continued agitation in favour of preferential and protective tariffs, which is encouraged by the language used by certain of His Majesty's Ministers, deems it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy."—(*Mr. Pirie.*)	245	291	537	B.M.	
127	May 18	Free Food.—Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House, believing that the protective taxation of food would be burdensome to the people and injurious to the Empire, welcomes the declarations of Ministers that the Government is opposed to such taxation."—(*Mr. Black.*)—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considers it unnecessary to discuss the question of fiscal reforms and the declaration of the Prime Minister at Sheffield on 1st October, in regard to which His	253	308	562	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Free Food—*continued.* Majesty's Government have announced that no proposals will be laid before the present Parliament; and, expressing its continued confidence in the present Administration, desires to proceed with the business proposed in the Gracious Speech from the Throne"—(*Mr. Wyndham*)—instead thereof,—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."					
63	Mar. 18	Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."	98	55	154	B.M.	
156	June 17	——— As amended (by the Standing Committee) considered.—Amendment (*Mr. Caldwell.*)	97	70	168	B.M.	
215	July 8	Irish Land Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no measure dealing with the Amendment of the Irish Land Act of 1903 can be accepted as satisfactory which deals only with facilitating Irish landlords in obtaining the bonus, and which provides no remedy for the grave defects of that Act affecting Irish tenants, particularly the creation of a system of zones leading to the unjust inflation of prices, and the absence of provisions for the compulsory acquisition of untenanted land essential for the enlargement of holdings, the restoration of evicted tenants, and the final settlement of the Irish Land Question"—(*Mr. John Redmond*)—instead thereof—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	205	92	298	B.M.	
216	,, ,,	——— Main Question put.	201	84	286	B.M.	
69	Mar. 22	Irish Rivers (Drainage).—"That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to at once institute a scheme for the effective drainage, dredging, and improvement of the inland waterways of Ireland; and that in view of the great loss sustained, owing to floods from year to year, by owners and occupiers of property near the rivers, and the excessive taxation arising from ill-conceived schemes, this House strongly censures the Govern-	116	132	249	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Irish Rivers (Drainage)—*continued.* ment for its persistent neglect to take steps to abate the evil." — (*Mr. MacVeagh.*)					
1	Feb. 5	King's Speech (Address in Answer).—Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "But we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the facts now made known in regard to the preparations for and conduct of the recent war in South Africa, and particularly the evidence taken by Your Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into those matters and their Report thereon, disclose grave negligence and mismanagement on the part of Your Majesty's Ministers, whereby the duration, magnitude, and cost of the war were greatly increased."—(*Mr. Robson.*)—Question put, "That those words be there added."	194	280	475	B.M.	
2	,, 15	——— Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "But it is our duty, however, humbly to represent to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers. We respectfully submit to Your Majesty the judgment of this House that the removal of protective duties has for more than half a century actively conduced to the vast extension of the trade and commerce of the realm and to the welfare of its population; and this House believes that, while the needs of social improvement are still manifold and urgent, any return to protective duties, more particularly when imposed on the food of the people, would be deeply injurious to our national strength, contentment, and well-being."—(*Mr. John Morley.*)—Question put, "That those words be there added."	278	329	608	- -	A.M.
3	,, 17	——— Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is highly inexpedient that sanction should be given to any ordinance permitting the introduction of indentured Chinese labourers into the Transvaal Colony	332	174	507	B.M.	

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	1904 :	King's Speech (Address in Answer)—*cont.* until the approval of the colonists has been formally ascertained." — (*Mr. Herbert Samuel.*)—Question proposed, "That those words be there added." —(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
4	Feb. 17	——— Question put accordingly, "That those words be there added."	232	283	516	- -	A.M.
5	,, 18	——— Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "But we humbly represent to Your Majesty that serious amendments, including the abolition of the zones system, are required in the Irish Land Act of last year to prevent the unjust inflation of the price of land in Ireland ; and that the powers possessed under that Act by the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board for the acquisition of untenanted lands are not sufficient to provide a remedy for the evils of congestion by the redistribution of the land among the population of the poor districts of the country, without which the Irish Land Question can never be settled ; and that a power of compulsory purchase of untenanted lands such as the Congested Districts Board unanimously asked for in 1895 should be conferred upon that body and upon the Estates Commissioners acting under the Land Act of 1903 ; and that provision should be made that sales in cases of congested estates under that Act should be made only to the Board or the Estates Commissioners." — (*Mr. Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh.*) — Question put, "That those words be there added."	126	221	348	B.M.	
6	,, 19	——— Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And, further, we desire humbly to express our regret that, in view of the distress arising from lack of employment, Your Majesty's adadvisers have not seen fit to recommend the creation of a Department and Minister of Labour fully empowered, *inter alia*, to deal effectively, acting in conjunction with local	135	233	387	B.M.	

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	1904:	King's Speech (Address in Answer)—*cont.* administrative authorities, with such lack of employment, mainly by the execution of necessary public works, afforestation, and further by encouraging an increase in the numbers of those employed in agricultural pursuits."—(*Mr. Keir Hardie.*) — Question put, "That those words be there added."					
7	Feb. 19	———Main Question again proposed.—Debate arising; Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	234	141	376	B.M.	
174	June 24	Labourers (Ireland) Bill. — "That the Bill be now read a second time."—Mr. Wyndham rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	318	29	348	B M.	
214	July 8	——— "That the Order [24th June] for Committee be read and discharged, and the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c."—(*Mr. Wyndham.*)	225	12	238	B.M.	
52	Mar. 11	Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill —"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out all the words after the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no change in the incidence of local taxation will be satisfactory which does not recognise the unfairness of the existing charges and make further provision for the equitable contribution of all kinds of property to such taxation."—(*Mr. Cripps.*) — Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	225	158	384	B.M.	
88	April 20	Licensing. — "That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902, in respect to the extinction of Licences and the grant of new Licences."—(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)	316	149	466	B.M.	
118	May 11	Licensing Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time." — Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day	331	226	558	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Licensing Bill—*continued.* six months."—(*Mr. Burt.*)—Question again proposed, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."—Debate resumed.—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
119	May 11	———— Question put accordingly, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	355	198	554	B. M.	
134	June 6	———— In Committee, Clause 1, "That Clause 1 be postponed."—(*Mr. Whittaker.*)	118	229	348	B. M.	
135	,, 7	———— Clause 1, Amendment.—(*Mr. Ellis Griffith.*)—Amendment to proposed Amendment.—(*Colonel Williams.*)—Closure.—(*Mr. Balfour.*)—Question put.	291	207	499	B. M.	
136	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly	308	189	498	- -	A. M.
137	,, ,,	———— Whereupon Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Main Question be now put."—Question put accordingly.	194	292	487	- -	A. M.
175	,, 27	———— Motion made, and Question put, "That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. Lloyd-George.*)	166	204	371	B. M.	
176	,, ,,	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. J. H. Whitley.*)—Closure.—(*Mr. Akers-Douglas.*)	267	186	454	B. M.	
177	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly -	174	273	448	B. M.	
178	,, ,,	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	145	247	393	B. M.	
179	,, ,,	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. Moss*) -	155	264	420	B. M.	
180	,, 28	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. Whittaker.*)	167	290	458	B. M.	
181	,, 29	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	182	267	450	B. M.	
182	,, ,,	———— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herber Lewis.*)	178	260	439	B. M.	
183	,, ,,	———— Amendment.—*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	270	192	463	B. M	
184	,, ,	————Amendment.—(*Mr. Bousfield*)	148	216	365	B. M.	

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187	1904 : July 4	Licensing Bill (Procedure.). — "That the proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days :—(a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day ; (b) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day ; (c) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 4 on the third allotted day ; (d) The proceedings in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and on any new Government Clauses, and on Schedules and any new Government Schedules, and any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion on the fourth allotted day ; (e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses, and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2 and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day ; and (f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day.—After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the day.—At 11 p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the Question or Questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the allotted day.—In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be.—At 12 Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order or, if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill.—Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be	305	225	531	B. M.	

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	1904 :	Licensing Bill (Procedure)—*continued.* interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 7.30 p.m.), under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House.—After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order.—If Progress be reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent sitting of the Committee."—(*Mr. Balfour.*)—Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out all the words after the word "That," and insert the words "this House declines to consider a proposal to deprive the House of Commons, without any justification in the previous course of the Debate, of all power of reasonable and adequate discussion in respect of a measure which seeks, in the absence of any authority from the country, to make fundamental and much-controverted changes in laws vitally affecting the well-being of the people."—(*Mr. Asquith.*)—Question again proposed, "That the words 'the proceedings' stand part of the Question."—Debate resumed.—And, it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.—Whereupon Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
188	July 4	——— Question put accordingly, "That the words 'the proceedings' stand part of the Question."	303	230	534	- -	A.M
189	,, 5	——— Main Question again proposed. — Debate resumed. — Another Amendment proposed, in line 2, to leave out the words "in Committee and." — (*Mr. Lloyd-George.*) — Question put, "That the words 'in Committee' stand part of the Question.'	222	162	385	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Licensing Bill (Procedure)—*continued.*					
190	July 5	——— Another Amendment proposed, in line 2, to leave out the words "and on Report."—(*Mr. Yoxall.*)—Question put, "That the words 'and on Report' stand part of the Question."	260	190	451	B.M.	
191	" "	——— Another Amendment proposed, in line 3, to leave out the word "six," and insert the word "eighteen."—(*Dr. Macnamara.*)—Question put, "That the word 'six' stand part of the Question."	262	204	467	B.M.	
192	" "	——— Main Question again proposed.—Debate arising ; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	267	203	471	B.M.	
193	" "	——— Question put accordingly -	264	209	474	B.M.	
194	" "	Licensing Bill.—(In Committee.)—*continued.* — Clause 1. — Amendment.—(*Mr. Helm.*)	127	179	307	B.M.	
195	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)	125	196	322	B.M.	
196	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis*)	134	228	363	B.M.	
197	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. William Lawrence.*)	152	230	383	B.M.	
198	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	153	253	407	B.M.	
199	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Whitley*)	247	153	401	B.M.	
200	" 6	——— [1st allotted Day.]—Clause 1.—Amendment.—(*Sir Robert Reid.*)	178	257	436	B.M.	
201	" "	———Amendment.—(*Mr. M'Kenna*)	261	184	446	B.M.	
202	" "	——— Amendment. — (*Mr. Ellis Griffith.*)	180	267	448	B.M.	
203	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	178	269	448	B.M.	
204	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)	118	273	392	B.M.	
205	" "	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Henry Hobhouse.*)	194	253	448	B.M.	
206	" "	——— Amendment. — (*Sir James Woodhouse.*)	247	153	401	B.M.	

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207	1904: July 6	Licensing Bill (In Committee)—*continued* ——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Duke*)	134	196	331	B.M.	
208	,, ,,	——— Amendment. — (*Mr. Ellis Griffith.*)	212	130	343	B.M.	
209	,, ,,	——— Amendment. — (*Mr. Munro Ferguson.*)	266	169	436	B.M.	
210	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Asquith*)	281	212	494	B.M.	
211	,, ,,	——— And, it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th July, successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the 1st allotted day.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)—Question put, "That the Amendment be made."	287	200	488	B M.	
212	,, ,,	——— Question put, "That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	283	196	480	B.M.	
217	,, 11	——— Clause 2. — Amendment.—(*Mr. Edmund Robertson.*)	135	256	392	B.M.	
218	,, ,,	——— Amendment. — (*Sir William Houldsworth.*)	211	252	464	B.M.	
219	,, ,,	——— (2nd allotted day.)—Amendmend.—(*Mr. Charles Seeley.*)—And, it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th July, to put the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair,—Question put, "That the words 'a sum' stand part of the Clause."	287	183	471	B.M.	
220	,, ,,	——— The Chairman then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the 2nd allotted day.—Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	282	176	459	B.M.	
221	,, ,	——— Clause 2.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Akers-Douglas.*)—Question put, "That the Amendment be made."	282	158	441	B.M.	

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222	1904: July 11	Licensing Bill (In Committee.)—*cont.* ——— Clause 3.—"That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	268	162	431	- -	A.M.
223	,, 12	——— (3rd allotted day.)—Clause 4.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Lloyd-George.*)	180	264	445	B.M.	
224	,, ,,	——— Clause, 5. — Amendment. —(*Mr. Whitley.*)	269	159	429	B.M.	
225	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Nussey.*)	126	236	363	B.M.	
226	,, 13	——— (4th alloted day.) — Amendment.—(*Mr. Levy.*)	195	125	321	B.M.	
227	,, ,,	——— Amendment,—(*Mr. Helme.*)—Amendment to proposed Amendment. (*Mr. Trevelyan.*)	283	132	416	B.M.	
228	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Helme.*)—	173	248	422	B.M.	
229	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—(*Mr. Slack.*)—	163	260	424	B.M.	
230	,, ,,	——— Clause 6. — Amendment.—(*Mr. Lloyd-George*)	183	265	449	B.M.	
231	,, ,,	——— And, it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th July, successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the 4th allotted day, Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	269	184	454	B.M.	
232	,, ,,	——— Clause 7. — Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	269	180	450	B.M.	
233	,, ,,	——— Clause 8. — Amendmend. —(*Mr. Solicitor General.*)—Question put, "That the Amendment be made.	267	177	445	B.M.	
234	,, 13	———"That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	261	166	428	- -	A. M.
235	,, ,,	——— Clause 9.—"That the Clause stand part of the Bill."	282	120	403	- -	A. M.
236	,, ,,	——— Schedule. — "That this Schedule as amended, be the First Schedule of the Bill."	235	144	380	- -	A. M.
237	,, ,,	——— "That the Chairman do report the Bill as amended to the House."	213	119	333	- -	A. M.

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277	1904: July 26	Licensing Bill,—As amended, considered.—Another Clause (Duration of Act.)—(*Mr. Lloyd-George.*)—*brought up*, and read the first time.—Motion made and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."	140	222	363	B.M.	
278	,, ,,	——— Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out Clause 1.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)—Question put, "That the words of Clause 1, to the word 'on' in line 5, stand part of the Bill."	234	142	377	B.M.	
279	,, ,,	——— (5th allotted day.)—Amendment,—Page 1, line 5.—(*Mr. Herbert Lewis.*)	112	201	314	B.M.	
280	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—Page 1, line 6.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	219	137	357	B.M.	
281	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—Page 1, line 24.—(*Mr. Henry Hobhouse.*)—Question proposed. "That the word 'thereon' stand part of the Bill."—And it being Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th July, to put the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.—Question put, "That the word 'thereon' stand part of the Bill."	231	162	394	B.M.	
282	,, ,,	——— Mr. Speaker then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the 5th allotted day.—Amendment,—Page 2, line 15.—(*Mr. Solicitor General.*)—Question put, "That the Amendment be made."	230	151	382	B.M.	
283	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—Page 2, line 22.—(*Mr. Solicitor General.*)—Question put "That the Amendment be made.	228	149	378	B.M.	
284	,, 27	——— (6th allotted day.)—Amendment.—Page 3, line 33.—(*Mr. Solicitor General*)	224	128	353	B.M.	
285	,, ,,	——— Amendment.—Page 3, line 42.—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)	123	218	342	B.M.	
286	,, ,,	——— And, it being after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th July, successively to put forth-	226	137	364	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Licensing Bill (as amended considered) —*continued.* with the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the 6th allotted day.—Amendment.—Page 5, line 8. —(*Mr. Solicitor General.*)—Question put, "That the Amendment be made."					
287	July 27	——— Amendment.—Page 3, line 36. —(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)	223	134	358	B.M.	
289	,, 29	——— "That the Bill be now read the third time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months."—(*Mr. Asquith.*) — Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	219	131	351	B.M.	
101	April 29	Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."	139	207	347	B.M.	
34	Mar. 1	Malicious Injuries (Ireland.)—"That, in the opinion of this House, the time has come for a revision of the Law which enables compensation for malicious injuries to be levied in Ireland on particular districts, involving an unjust and iniquitous burden on innocent persons."—(*Mr. Boland.*)	92	155	248	B.M.	
124	May 13	Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."	157	131	289	B.M.	
290	Aug. 1	Ministers of the Crown (Preferential Duties.)—"That this House regrets that certain of His Majesty's Ministers have accepted official positions in a political organisation which has formerly declared its adhesion to a policy of Preferential Duties involving the taxation of food."—(*Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.*)	212	290	503	B.M.	
144	June 10	Musical Copyright Bill.—As amended (by Standing Committee), *considered* :—Another Clause (Discretion of court as regards fine and costs). — (*Mr. Atherley-Jones.*)—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time.'	76	163	240	B.M.	

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145	1904: June 10	Musical Copyright Bill—*continued.* ——— Amendment, page 1, line 9.—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)	190	68	259	B.M.	
120	May 11	Payment of Members and Returning Officers' Expenses.—"That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that, in order to give Constituencies a full and free choice in the Selection of Parliamentary Candidates, the charges now made by the Returning Officer to the Candidates should be chargeable to public funds, and that all Members of the House of Commons should receive from the State a reasonable stipend during their Parliamentary life."—(*Mr. Arthur Henderson.*)	157	223	381	B.M.	
133	June 3	Penal Servitude Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Debate arising;—Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	183	73	257	B.M.	
73	Mar. 29	Police (Ireland).—"That this House strongly condemns the attitude of the Government in neglecting the introduction of legislation for the purpose of bringing under the control of popularly elected bodies, as in the cases of the police force in Great Britain, the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the Dublin Metropolitan Police, and declares that the exemption of these overmanned and armed forces from such control and the vesting of all control over them in the Executive Government is a standing menace to the liberty of the subject, a cause of enhanced and unnecessary public expenditure, and attended with frequent infraction of Common Law rights and grave scandals in the administration of the Criminal Law of Ireland."—(*Mr. Swift MacNeill.*)	67	159	227	B.M.	
121	May 11	Port of London Bill.—"That proceedings upon the Port of London Bill may be resumed."—(*Mr. Gerald Balfour.*)	167	87	255	– –	A.M.
64	Mar. 13	Rating of Machinery Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this	128	84	213	B.M.	

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	1904:	Rating of Machinery Bill—*continued.* day six months."—(*Sir James Joicey.*) —Question proposed, that the word 'now' stand part of the Question."—Debate arising;—Sir William Holland, rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."					
65	Mar. 18	——— Question put accordingly, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	116	96	213	B.M.	
130	June 1	Shop Hours Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the proposed measure for the early closing of Shops is unduly hampered by restrictions, and, not providing for the regulation of the hours of shop assistants, fails to satisfy the terms of the unanimous Resolution of this House." —(*Sir Charles Dilke.*)— "Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	132	44	177	B.M.	
131	,, ,,	——— "That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c."—(*Mr. Cochrane.*) — Amendment proposed, to leave out the words "Trade, &c.," and insert the words "Law &c." — *Mr. Dalziel.*)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words 'Trade, &c.,' stand part of the Question."	131	39	171	B.M.	
339	1904: Aug. 10	Shop Hours Bill—*continued.* ——— Consideration as amended (by the Standing Committee).—New clause (Exemption of Shopkeepers). — (*Sir Frederick Banbury.*)	28	127	156	- -	A.M.
30	Feb. 29	Supply (Navy Estimates) (on going into Committee).—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in view of the heavy burdens placed upon the people of the country by this increasing expenditure, and in the interests of international peace, this House is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should	176	124	301	B.M	

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	1904 :	Supply (Navy Estimates) (on going into Committee)—*continued.* enter into communication with the great naval powers in order to ascertain whether they will be prepared to diminish their programmes of shipbuilding, and to adjust upon some permanent basis their relative naval strength."—(*Mr. Herbert Roberts.*)—instead thereof. Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."					
31	Feb. 29	———— "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."— Main Question again proposed.—Debate *resumed.*—Question put.	146	72	219	B.M.	
45	Mar. 8	———— (Army Estimates) (on going into Committee) "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."	257	155	413	B.M.	
82	Apr. 18	———— (Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates) (on going into Committee). —"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the system of Primary Education in Ireland is fundamentally defective, and has proved injurious in its operation."—(*Mr. Nannetti.*) instead thereof. — Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	174	120	295	B.M.	
8	Feb. 22	Supply (In Committee) £2,700,000 (Supplementary for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services).—"That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head F. (B) Pay. &c., of Colonial Contingents (South Africa) be reduced by £10,000."—(*Mr. Buchanan.*)	130	199	130	B.M.	
10	,, 23	———— £2,700,000 (Supplementary for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services).—"That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head F (C), Pay, &c., of the Corps of Imperial Yeomanry (South Africa) be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Charles Hobhouse.*) — (Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	192	125	318	B.M.	

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11	1904 : Feb. 23	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.* ——— Question put accordingly, "That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head F (C), Pay, &c., of the Corps of Imperial Yeomanry (South Africa), be reduced by £100."	124	192	317	B.M.	
14	,, 24	——— "£7,300 Supplementary for Expenditure in respect of the Royal Palaces."—"That a sum, not exceeding £7,200, be granted for the said Service." — (*Mr. Whitley.*) — Debate arising; Sir Joseph Leese rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put." — Question "That the Question be now put" put; and *agreed to*.—Question put accordingly, "That a sum, not exceeding £7,200 be granted for the said Service.	126	163	290	B.M.	
15	,, ,,	——— Mr. Victor Cavendish claimed "That the original Question be now put."—Original Qnestion put accordingly, "That £7,300 Supplementary be granted for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces."	172	125	298	B.M.	
16	,, ,,	——— £2000 Supplementary for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.—That a sum not exceeding £1,900 be granted for the said services.—(*Mr. Swift MacNeil.*)	128	216	345	B.M.	
18	,, 25	——— £2,700,000 (Supplementary for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services).—"That Item, Vote, 1, Sub-head H (Gratuities to the Troops for Active Service) be reduced by £1,000."—(*Mr. Whitley.*)	129	186	316	B.M.	
19	,, ,,	——— Original Question again proposed—"That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head AA (Pay, &c., of the China Expeditionary Force), be reduced by £1,000."—(*Mr. Buchanan.*)	132	189	322	B.M.	
20	,, ,,	——— Original Question again proposed.—"That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head BB (Pay, &c., of the Somaliland Expeditionary Force), be reduced by £100." — (*Mr. Broadhurst.*)— Debate arising.—Sir George Bartley rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	206	139	346	B.M.	
21	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly, "That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head BB (Pay, &c., of the Somaliland Expeditionary Force), be reduced by £100."	140	210	351	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.*					
22	Feb. 25	———— £2,700,000 (Supplementary for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services.)—"That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head B (Land and Inland Water Transport Abroad), be reduced by £10,000.—(*Mr. Charles Hobhouse.*)	76	90	167	B.M.	
23	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed—"That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head C (Sea Transport), be reduced by £10,000."—(*Mr. Flynn.*)	87	116	204	B.M.	
24	,, ,,	———— Question again proposed, "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head E (China Expeditionary Force Transports and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000." —Debate arising; — Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	139	100	240	B.M.	
25	,	———— Question put accordingly, "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head E (China Expeditionary Force Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000."	106	152	259	BM.	
26	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed: "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head F (Somaliland Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Charles Hobhouse.*)	122	171	294	B.M.	
27	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed, "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head B B (South Africa, Expenditure in connection with Imperial Military Railways), be reduced by £5,000."—(*Mr. Buchanan.*)—Debate arising;—Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."	172	115	288	B.M.	
28	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly, "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head B B (South Africa, Expenditure in connection with the Imperial Military Railways), be reduced by £5,000."	115	173	289	– –	A.M.
29	,, ,,	———— Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas claimed, "That the Original Question be now put."—Original Question put accordingly, "A £2,700,000 Supplementary, for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services.	171	111	283	– –	A.M.

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	1904:	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.*					
32	Mar. 1	Navy Estimates, 1904–5. — "That 131,100 men and boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, including 20,656 Royal Marines."—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, "That 127,100 men and boys be employed for the said Services."—(*Mr. O'Mara.*).—Debate arising.—Mr. Pretyman rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	226	133	360	B. M.	
33	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly, "That 127,103 men and boys be employed for the said Services."	89	249	339	B. M.	
35	Mar. 2	———— (In Committee).—"£6,691,000 for the Expenses of Wages, &c.) to Officers, Seamen and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines."—"That Item A (Wages, &c., of Officers, Seamen, and Boys) be reduced by £281,692."—(*Mr. William Redmond.*)	85	286	372	B.M.	
36	,, ,,	———— Original Question put.	275	75	351	B.M.	
38	,, 3	———— "£1,634,200, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith."—"That Item C (Dockyards Abroad), be reduced by £4,600." (*Mr. William Redmond.*)	104	253	358	B.M.	
39	,, ,,	———— "That Item E (Naval Barracks and General Fleet Services), be reduced by £7,000.—(*Mr. Courtenay Warner.*)	109	165	275	B.M.	
40	,, ,,	———— "That Item F (Marine Barracks), be reduced by £2,000."—(*Mr. Runciman.*)	111	173	285	B.M.	
41	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed ;—Debate arising. — Mr. Pretyman rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	175	111	287	B.M.	
42	,, ,,	———— Question put accordingly, "That £1,634,200, be granted for Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost	186	87	274	– –	A.M.

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	1904 :	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.* of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith."					
47	Mar. 10	——— "That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 227,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions."—Question put, "That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 217,000, be maintained for the said Service."—(*Sir Charles Dilke.*)	157	230	388	B.M.	
48	,, ,,	——— Original Question put.	261	86	348	B.M.	
50	,, ,,	——— "£9,746,000 for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of His Majesty's Army, at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments)." — Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	130	89	220	B.M.	
51	,, ,,	——— Question put accordingly, "That £9,746,000 be granted for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of His Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments).	136	77	214	- -	A.M.
53	,, 14	Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.—£21,500,000 (Vote on Account).—"That Item Class 4 (Board of Education) be reduced by £500."—(*Mr. Lloyd-George.*)	130	250	381	B.M.	
54	,, 15	——— £29,500 Supplementary for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.—"That a reduced sum, not exceeding £29,400, be granted for the said Service."—(*Mr. John Redmond.*)	143	132	276	B.M.	
55	,, ,,	——— Motion made, and Question put, "That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."—(*Mr. John Redmond.*)	148	173	322	B.M.	
74	Apr. 12	——— "£3,044,200 for the Expenses of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the	92	159	252	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.* Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad."—"That a sum, not exceeding £3,044,100, be granted for the said Service."—(*Captain Norton.*)					
75	Apr. 12	———— "£5,062,800 for the Expense of the Matériel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad."	212	41	254	B.M.	
77	,, 14	———— "£2,839,000 for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores."—"That Item D (Small Arms) be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Courtenay Warner.*)	144	200	345	B.M.	
78	,, ,,	———— Original Question again proposed, "That Item F (Miscellaneous Services) be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Nannetti.*)	109	192	303	B.M.	
80	,, ,,	———— "£2,839,000 for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores."—"That Item G (Equipment Stores) be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Courtenay Warner.*)	111	165	277	B.M.	
81	,, ,,	———— "£1,918,000 for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases)."—"That Item A (Salaries, &c., of the Staff for Engineer Services) be reduced by £100."—(*Mr. Whitley.*)	90	146	237	B.M.	
99	28	———— "£32,300 for the Houses of Parliament Buildings."—"That a sum not exceeding £32,200 be granted for the said Service."—(*Major Evans-Gordon.*)	160	245	406	B.M.	
100	,, ,,	———— "£18,930 for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours."	166	107	274	B.M	
122	May 12	———— "£10,259 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England."—"That a sum not exceeding £10,159 be granted for the said Service."—(*Sir Edward Strachey.*)	128	218	347	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply—(In Committee)—*continued.*					
128	May 31	——— "£569,000 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department."—"That Item A 1 (Superintending Establishment, Salaries and Allowances), be reduced by £1,000."—(*Mr. Whitley.*)	57	112	170	B.M.	
129	" "	——— Original Question again proposed, "That Item B 1 (Port Establishment, Salaries and Allowances), be reduced by £200."—(*Captain Norton.*)	57	134	192	B.M.	
173	June 23	——— "£110,406 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and of the services administered by that Department, including sundry Grants in Aid."—"That a sum, not exceeding £110,306, be granted for the said Service."—(*Mr. Murphy.*)	78	148	227	B.M.	
213	July 7	——— "£71,342 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission."—"That a sum, not exceeding £70,342, be granted for the said Service."—(*Mr. Cullinan.*)	114	195	310	B.M.	
294	Aug. 2	——— £2,960 (Supplementary for the Expenses in respect of the Committee of Imperial Defence, in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury).—"That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,860, be granted for the said Service."—(*Mr. Whitley.*)	50	148	199	- -	A.M.
295	" "	——— Original Question again proposed.—Debate arising.—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—Question put, "That the Question be now put."	135	61	197	- -	A.M.
309	" 4	——— £104,094 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.—"That Item A (Salaries, Wages, and Allowances) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State."—(*Sir Charles Dilke.*)	103	172	276	B.M.	
310	" "	——— £10,314,000, for the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.—"That a sum not exceeding £10,169,000 be granted for the said Service."—(*Mr. Lough.*)	52	150	203	B.M.	

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	1904 :						
317	Aug. 9	Supply.—(In Committee)—*continued.* ——— 1. £2,615,509 for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.—And, it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.—Question put.	174	89	264	B.M.	
318	,, ,,	The Chairman then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order 15, to put severally the Questions, that the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in each Class of the Civil Service Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amount of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, and Revenue Departments be granted for the services defined in those Classes and Estimates—					
		Class I.					
		2. Question put, "That a sum not exceeding £1,263,014, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure on the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	183	87	271	B.M.	
		Class II.					
319	,, ,,	3. Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £1,088,788, be granted to His Majesty to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	185	87	273	B.M.	
		Class III.					
320	,, ,,	4. Question put, "That a sum not exceeding £2,016,511, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	185	86	272	B.M.	
		Class IV.					
321	,, ,,	5 Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £7,110,267, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which	185	88	274	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply.—(In Committee)—*continued.* will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services."					
		Class V.					
322	Aug. 9	6. Question put, "That a sum not exceeding £1,130,288, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure on the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	182	88	271	B.M.	
		Class VI.					
323	,, ,,	7. Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £341,246, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	183	90	274	B.M.	
		Class VII.					
324	,, ,,	8. Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £63,497, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services."	180	88	269	B.M.	
		Navy Estimates, 1904–5.					
325	,, ,,	9. Question put, "That a sum not exceeding £1,690,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure on the Navy Services.	201	46	248	B.M.	
		Army Estimates 1904–5.					
326	,, ,,	10. Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £15,984,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure on the Army Services including Army (Ordnance Factories)."	180	85	266	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply—(In Committe)—*continued.* Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.					
327	Aug. 9	11. Question put, "That a sum, not exceeding £536,420, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments."	181	77	259	B.M.	
56	Mar. 15	Supply. — Report [25th February].—Army Supplementary, 1903-4. — "£2,700,000 Supplementary for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services."—Resolution read a second time—Amendment proposed, to leave out "£2,700,000" and insert "£1,800,000."—(*Mr. M'Crae.*)—Question put, "That £2,700,000 stand part of the said Resolution."	228	130	359	B.M.	
57	,, ,,	———— Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1904–5. — (Vote on Account.)—"£21,500,000, on account, for or towards defraying the Charges for the Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day March 1905."—Resolution read a second time.—Amendment proposed, to leave out "£21,500,000," and insert "£21,499,900,"—(*Mr. John Redmond,*)—instead thereof. — Question put, "That £21,500,000 stand part of the Resolution."	241	130	372	B.M.	
59	,, 17	———— [10th March.]—Army Estimates, 1904–5.—"That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 227,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905."—Resolution read a second time.—Amendment proposed, to leave out "227,000" and insert "222,000." — (*Mr. Courtenay Warner,*)—instead thereof. - Question put, "That '227,000' stand part of the said Resolution."	225	112	338	B.M.	
60	,, ,,	————Motion made, and Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."	265	61	327	B.M.	
62	,, ,,	————£1,634,200, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Re-	159	54	214	B.M.	

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	1904 :	Supply (Report)—*continued.* pairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith.—Resolu- read a second time.—Amendment proposed, to leave out "£1,634,200," and insert "£1,633,200."—(*Mr. Whitley*),—instead thereof.—Question put, "That '£1,634,200' stand part of the said Resolution."					
67	Mar. 22	———"That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, '£2,700,000 (Supplementary) for Additional Expenditure in respect of Army Services.'"—Question again proposed; Debate resumed.—Question put.	234	138	373	B.M.	
68	" "	——— First Resolution, "£7,300 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces," read a second time.—Amendment proposed, to leave out "£7,300," and insert "£7,200."—(*Mr. Whitley.*)—Question put, "That '£7,300' stand part of the said Resolution."	217	150	368	B.M.	
185	June 30	———"£2,839,000 for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores."—Resolution read a second time.—Amendment proposed, to leave out "£2,839,000," and insert "£2,829,000."—(*Sir Charles Dilke.*)—Question put, "That '£2,839,000' stand part of the said Resolution."	215	153	369	B.M.	
		———[9th August, Evening Sitting], Resolutions reported.—And, it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order 15, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of each Class of the Civil Services Estimates, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Revenue Department Estimates:—					
		Navy Estimates, 1904–5.					
332	Aug. 10	Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Navy Estimates."	189	42	232	B.M.	

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	1904:	Supply—(Report)—*continued.*					
		Army Estimates, 1904–5.					
333	Aug. 10	Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates."	171	70	242	B. M.	
		Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.					
334	,, ,,	Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates."	168	72	241	B. M.	
17	Feb. 24	Technical Education (Ireland) (Equivalent Grant).—Motion made, and Question put, "That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Treasury in withholding the Irish Equivalent Grant for Technical Education is a violation of the intention of Parliament and a gross injustice to Ireland.—(*Mr. Sheehy.*)	82	144	227	B. M.	
43	Mar. 4	Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months."—(*Mr. Herbert Robertson.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	164	201	366	B. M.	
91	April 22	Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word 'now,' and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." — (*Colonel Pilkington.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now,' stand part of the Question."	240	201	442	B. M.	
83	Feb. 23	Transit and Railway Rates (Ireland). —"That, in the opinion of this House, excessive Railway Rates and defective Transit Facilities generally constitute a serious bar to the material advancement of Ireland, and should receive immediate attention from the Government."—(*Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien.*)	89	123	213	B. M.	
		Ways and Means.—(In Committee):—					
		Customs.—Tea.					
84	April 19	——— "That in lieu of the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea, there shall be charged on and after the	267	195	463	B. M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued*.

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included.)	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904 :	Ways and Means—(In Committee)—*continued.* twentieth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say) :— *s. d.* Tea - - - - the lb. 0 8 —(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*—Amendment proposed, in line 5, to leave out the words "Eight pence," and insert the words "Six pence."—(*Mr. Lough.*)—Question put, "That the words 'Eightpence' stand part of the proposed Resolution."					
85	April 19	———— Main Question put - -	261	190	452	- -	A. M.
		Customs.—Tobacco.					
86	,, ,,	———— "That the duties of Customs payable under section one of the Finance Act, 1898, on manufactured tobacco shall, on and after the twentieth day of April nineteen hundred and four, be increased, in the case of cigars, by sixpence per pound, and in the case of cigarettes, by one shilling per pound, and the duties payable under the same section on unmanufactured tobacco shall, on and after the same date, be increased, in the case of stripped tobacco, by threepence per pound."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)—Amendment proposed, in line 5, to leave out from the word "pound," to the end of the proposed Resolution." (*Mr. Broadhurst.*) Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution."	230	137	368	- -	A. M.
87	,, ,,	———— Main Question put - -	202	108	311	- -	A. M
90	,, 21	———— "That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, at the rate of one shilling."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)	216	18	235	- -	A. M
		Continuance of Additional Customs on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits.					
94	April 26	———— "That the additional Customs duties on tobacco, beer, and spirits imposed by sections two, three, four, and five of The Finance Act, 1900 (including any increased duties imposed	251	121	373	B.M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:	Ways and Means—(In Committee)—*continued.* by section five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*) Continuance of Additional Excise Duties on Beer, and Spirits.					
95	,, ,,	——— "That the additional Excise duties on beer and spirits imposed by sections six and seven of The Finance Act, 1900, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)	257	118	376	B.M.	
328	Aug. 9	——— "That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, the sum of £73,083,164, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom."—(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)	128	35	164	- -	A. M.
		Ways and Means—Report.					
96	Apr. 26	——— "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution 'That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, at the rate of one shilling.'"	123	85	209	B. M.	
97	,, 27	———"Report.—"That in lieu of the duty of Customs now payable on Tea, there shall be charged on and after the twentieth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, until the first day of August nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say):— *s. d.* Tea - - - - - the lb. 0 8 Proposed to leave out the words, "Eight pence," and insert the words "Six pence."—(*Mr. Lough.*)—instead thereof.—Question again proposed, "That the words 'Eight pence' stand part of the said Resolution."—Debate *resumed.*—Question put.	241	204	446	B.M.	
98	,, ,,	Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."	238	194	433	B.M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

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	1904 :	Ways and Means—(In Committee)—*continued.*					
105	May 3	——— "[19th April] Report.—Second Resolution. — Customs — Tobacco.— "That the duties of Customs payable under section one of the Finance Act, 1898, on manufactured tobacco shall, on and after the twentieth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, be increased, in the case of cigars, by six pence per pound, and, in the case of cigarettes, by one shilling per pound, and the duties payable under the same section on unmanufactured tobacco, shall, on and after the same date, be increased, in the case of stripped tobacco, by three pence per pound."— "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."	252	178	431	B.M.	
106	,, ,,	——— [26th April]. — Continuance of Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits.—First Resolution.—"That the additional Customs duties on tobacco, beer, and spirits imposed by sections two, three, four and five of The Finance Act, 1900 (including any increased duties imposed by section five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five," read a second time. Amendment proposed, in line one, to leave out the word "tobacco." — (*Mr. Dalziel.*)— Question put, "That the word 'tobacco' stand part of the said Resolution."	256	180	437	B. M.	
107	,, ,,	——— Motion made, and Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."	261	175	437	B. M.	
108	,, ,,	——— Continuance of Additional Excise duties on Beer and Spirits.— Second Resolution, "That the additional Excise duties on beer and spirits imposed by sections six and seven of The Finance Act, 1900, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five," read a second time.—Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out the words "beer and."—(*Mr. Broadhurst.*) —Question put, "That the words 'beer and,' stand part of the said Resolution."	238	165	404	B. M.	

Divisions on Public Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printed Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included.)	Noes (Tellers included.)	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included.)	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
	1904:	Ways and Means—(In Committee)—*continued.*					
109	May 3	————[26th April] Report.—“ That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution “ That the additional Excise duties on beer and spirits imposed by sections six and seven of The Finance Act, 1900, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five.’ ”—Question again proposed.—Debate *resumed.*—Question put.	208	148	357	B.M.	
58	Mar. 16	Women's Disabilities.—“ That the disabilities of Women in respect of the Parliamentary Franchise, ought to be removed by the Legislature.—(*Sir Charles M'Laren.*)	184	70	255	B.M.	

DIVISIONS ON PRIVATE BUSINESS.

79	Apr. 14	Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.—As amended, *considered.*—Another Clause (Company to construct subways at Elephant and Castle).—(*Mr. Causton,*)—*brought up*, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question put, “ That the Clause be read a second time.”	135	145	281	B. M.	
61	Mar. -	Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill.—“ That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill that they insert provisions in the Bill requiring the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, in respect of any through rates for the carriage of merchandise between Foreign countries and places in the United Kingdom which the Company make or charge or to which they are party, to set out in their public rate-books at the ports of Goole and Hull and any ports which may be hereafter established between those places, how much of each such rate is justly and reasonably appropriated by them, or is paid, payable, or agreed to be paid to or by them for (i.) land carriage. Abroad, and dock, harbour, and shipping charges Abroad, (ii.) conveyance by sea, and (iii.) dock, har-	81	105	187	B. M.	

Divisions on Private Business—*continued.*

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	1904 :	Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill—*continued.* bour, and shipping charges at the British port, (iv.) conveyance by railway, either by goods or passenger trains, including any terminal and cartage charges, and cartage in the United Kingdom."—(*Sir William Tomlinson.*)					
155	June 15	Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.—"That the Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill be referred to a joint Committee of Lords and Commons."—(*Mr. Kerr.*)	105	90	196	B. M.	
49	Mar. 10	London County Council (General Powers) Bill.—"That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert provisions in the Bill to provide that a cow suspected of suffering from tuberculosis of the udder may be removed, and that a sample of such cow's milk shall be submitted before slaughter to the medical officer of health for the county for bacteriological examination, and to provide if this examination shows evidence that the cow is so diseased, that the animal shall be slaughtered in the presence of and examined by a veterinary surgeon appointed in the way proposed in sub-section (2) of Clause 34; and to provide that if, on examination, the veterinary surgeon certifies that such cow was not suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, the Council shall pay, in addition to the compensation provided for in sub-section (3) of Clause 34, a sum not exceeding 50 per cent. of the full value of such cow immediately before slaughter, as special damages for loss of such cow; to provide, that, if the veterinary surgeon certifies that the cow was so diseased, the Council shall pay compensation, in the manner provided by Part (a), sub-section (3), of Section 14 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and that the Council shall also bear half of the reasonable costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of Clause 34; and to provide that the value of a cow slaughtered by the Council, whether diseased or not, shall be assessed by a valuer appointed by the Board of Agriculture, and not by a veterinary surgeon."—(*Sir Edward Strachey.*)	59	197	257	B. M.	

Divisions on Private Business—*continued.*

Number of the Printe Division Lists.	DATE.	SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.	Ayes (Tellers included).	Noes (Tellers included).	Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included).	Before Midnight.	After Midnight.
70	1904 : Mar. 24	London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill.—"That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill to omit Tramway No. 2."—(*Sir Frederick Banbury.*)	161	133	295	B.M.	
71	,, ,,	——— "That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill to omit Tramway No. 2A."—(*Mr. Whitmore.*)	163	125	289	B.M.	
143	June 9	———as amended, considered.—Page 7, line 17.—Amendment.—(*Mr. Remnant.*)	108	137	246	B.M.	
238	July 14	Mersey Docks and Harbours Board Bill [*Lords*] (*by Order*).—Order for Consideration, as amended, read.—Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill, as amended, be now considered."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and add the words "upon this day three months."—(*Mr. Robson.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	54	156	211	B.M.	
151	June 14	Maidenhead Bridge Bill [*Lords*].—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months."—(*Dr. Shipman.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	139	80	220	B.M.	
172	,, 23	——— "That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Maidenhead Bridge Bill [*Lords*] to insert a clause directing the Corporation of Maidenhead to pay as costs, under Section 28, the balance of the actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Joseph Taylor, of Eton, Bucks, incidental to and arising from the inquiry held by the Charity Commissioners on the 18th November 1902, after deducting therefrom £35 19*s.* received by him from public subscriptions, and in case of difference the amount of those expenses to be taxed in the manner provided by the said section."—(*Dr. Shipman.*)	87	71	159	B.M.	
116	May 9	Milwr and District Mines Drainage Bill [*Lords*].—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the	161	63	225	B.M.	

Divisions on Private Business—*continued.*

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	1904:	Milwr and District Mines Drainage Bill [*Lords*]—*continued.* words "upon this day six months."—(*Sir Thomas Esmonde.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now,' stand part of the Question."					
123	May 12	————"That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to insert clauses in the Bill providing for compensation water for the use of the riparian owners and other persons affected by the provisions of the Bill."—(*Mr. M'Kean.*)	61	124	186	B.M.	
244	July 18	————As amended considered.—A clause (Compensation to owners and occupiers of mills on the Holywell Stream.)—(*Mr. Herbert Robertson.*)	171	144	316	B.M.	
245	,, ,,	————That the clause, as amended, be added to the Bill.	181	140	322	B.M.	
152	June 14	Pierand Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months." (*Mr. Ainsworth.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	174	35	210	B.M.	
12	Feb. 23	Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill.—"That the Bill be now read a second time."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." —(*Mr. Disraeli.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	26	152	179	B.M.	
132	June 2	Thames River Steamboat Service Bill.—"That the Bill as amended be now considered."—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add "upon this day six months."—(*Mr. Ernest Gray.*)—Question put, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	158	72	231	B.M.	
186	June 30	Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill [*Lords.*]—"That the Bill, as amended, be now considered."—Amendment proposed, to leave out all the words after the word "Bill," and add the words "be re-committed to the former Committee in respect of Clauses 15 and 16."—(*Sir James Woodhouse.*)—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."	144	180	325	B.M.	

PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.

Return to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons,
dated 2 August 1904:—*for*,

RETURN "of the Number of PRIVATE BILLS, HYBRID BILLS, and Bills for Confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the HOUSE OF COMMONS and brought from the HOUSE OF LORDS, and of ACTS passed in the Session of 1904, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Gas and Water; Lighting and Improvement; Police and Sanitary Regulations; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Churches, Chapels and Burying Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosure and Drainage; Estate; Divorce; Naturalisation; Hospitals, and Miscellaneous:"

"Of all the PRIVATE BILLS, HYBRID BILLS, and Bills for Confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1904 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills, or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Not Proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed."

"Of all PRIVATE BILLS and Bills for Confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1904, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means; together with the names of the Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended."

"And, of the Number of PRIVATE BILLS, HYBRID BILLS, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.197, of Session 1903)."—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

INDEX of MEMBERS' NAMES, with a Reference to the GROUP or SELECT COMMITTEE on which they Served.

* *Indicates that the Member served on the Select Committee on the* DEAN FOREST BILL.

† *Indicates that the Member served on the Select Committee on the* ELECTRIC LIGHTING (LONDON) BILL.

‡ *Indicates that the Member served on the Select Committee on the* COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BILL.

§ *Indicates that the Member served on the Select Committee on the* POST OFFICE (SITES) BILL.

P. & S. = *Police and Sanitary Committee.*

NAME.	GROUP OR SELECT COMMITTEE.
A.	
Agg-Gardner, Mr.	L.
Ainsworth, Mr.	S.
Allen, Mr. C. P.	E.
Arkwright, Mr.	J.
Ashton, Mr.	2.
Aubrey-Fletcher, Sir H.	H.
B.	
Baird, Mr.	5.
Balfour, Mr. C. B.	P. & S.
Balfour, Mr. Kenneth	8.
Barlow, Mr.	K.
Bill, Mr.	P. & S.
Blundell, Colonel	L.
Bond, Mr.	6.
Bousfield, Mr.	†
Brown, Sir A. H.	E.
Brown, Mr. G. M.	F.
Brunner, Sir J. T.	I.
C.	
Cameron, Mr.	6.
Cawley, Mr.	C.
Cecil, Lord Hugh	M.
Clive, Captain	10. §
Craig, Mr. C. C.	5.
Crean, Mr.	8.
Cremer, Mr.	D.
Crombie, Mr.	10.
Crooks, Mr.	G.
Cullinan, Mr.	K.
D.	
Davies, Mr. Vaughan	E.
Delany, Mr.	9
Denny, Colonel	C.
Dewar, Mr. J. A.	5.
Dobbie, Mr.	5.
Doughty, Mr.	6.
Doxford, Sir Theodore	4.
Duncan, Mr.	A. H.
Durning-Lawrence, Sir E.	J.
E.	
Egerton, Mr. de Tatton	3.
Ellice, Captain	D. §

NAME.	GROUP OR SELECT COMMITTEE.
F.	
Fardell, Sir G.	P. & S.
Fison, Mr.	B.
Flower, Mr.	P. & S.
Foster, Mr. Philip	H.
Fuller, Mr.	1.
G.	
Gore, Mr. S. Ormsby	D.
Graham, Mr.	P. & S.
Grant, Mr.	P. & S.
Greene, Mr. Raymond	K.
H.	
Hammond, Mr.	H.
Hare, Mr.	†
Hayden, Mr.	†
Heath, Mr. A. H.	2.
Hermon-Hodge, Sir R.	3.
Hobhouse, Mr. Henry	8. ‡
Holland, Sir W. H.	11.
Howard, Mr. John	11.
Hunt, Mr. Rowland	11.
Hutchinson, Dr.	C. §
Hutton, Mr. Alfred	H.
J.	
Jessel, Captain	G. K.
Johnstone, Mr. Heywood	P. & S.
Jones, Mr. William	M.
K.	
Kearley, Mr.	7.
Kimber, Mr.	1.
L.	
Lambton, Mr.	I.
Layland-Barratt, Mr.	P. & S.
Leese, Sir Joseph	F.
Legge, Colonel	§
Lucas, Colonel	7.
Lucas, Mr. Reginald	B.
Lyell, Mr.	6.

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Mansfield, Mr.	I.
Maxwell, Mr.	1.
Melville, Mr.	9.
Mooney, Mr.	7.
Morgan, Mr. David	9.
Morley, Mr. Charles	J.
N.	
Nicholson, Mr.	4.
P.	
Palmer, Mr. Walter	2. E.
Partington, Mr.	6.
Pemberton, Mr.	5.
Platt-Higgins, Mr.	F.
Plummer, Mr.	A.
Pryce-Jones, Colonel	F.
Price, Mr.	‡
Q.	
Quilter, Sir Cuthbert	‡
R.	
Rea, Mr. Russell	4.
Reid, Mr.	G.
Remnant, Mr.	C.
Renwick, Mr.	*
Rickett, Mr. Compton	5.
Robinson, Mr. Brooke	L.
Rose, Mr.	3.
Rothschild, Mr.	I.
Round, Mr.	‡
Runciman, Mr.	B.
Rutherford, Mr.	A.
S.	
Seely, Mr. Charles	*
Sheehy, Mr.	L.
Slack, Mr. Bamford	†
Soames, Mr.	B. ‡
Soares, Mr.	3.
Stanley, Mr. Arthur	L.
Stanley, Lord	§
Strachey, Sir E.	9.
Sullivan, Mr.	2.
T.	
Tennant, Mr.	A. J.
Thomas, Mr. D. A.	*
Tomkinson, Mr.	‡
Toulmin, Mr.	1.
Trevelyan, Mr.	G.
Tufnell, Colonel	D.
Tuff, Mr. Charles	2.
V	
Vincent, Sir Edgar	7.
W.	
Walker, Colonel	M.
Walton, Mr. Joseph	4. 8
Warde, Colonel	M.
Wason, Mr. Cathcart	11.
Webb, Mr.	10.
Welby, Colonel	D.
White, Mr. Luke	P. & S.
Whitley, Mr. J. H.	P. & S.
Wilson, Mr. John	P. & S.
Wilson, Mr. J. W.	P. & S.
Woodhouse, Sir James	M.
Wortley, Mr. Stuart	‡
Y.	
Younger, Mr. William	†

PRIVATE BILLS.

RETURN of the Number of ACTS passed in the Session of 1904, classed according to the following Subjects :—Railways ; Tramways ; Tramroads ; Subways ; Canals and Navigations ; Roads and Bridges ; Water ; Waterworks ; Gas ; Gas and Water ; Lighting and Improvement ; Police and Sanitary Regulations ; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations, or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes) ; Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks ; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds ; Markets and Fairs ; Gaols and other County Buildings ; Inclosure and Drainage ; Estate ; Divorce ; Naturalisation ; Hospitals, and Miscellaneous.

NUMBER OF PRIVATE BILLS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED THE ROYAL ASSENT.

Railways	30
Tramways	16
Tramroads	3
Canals and Navigations	4
Roads and Bridges	1
Water	13
Waterworks	0
Gas	26
Gas and Water	4
Lighting and Improvement	4
Police and Sanitary Regulations	22
Corporations, &c. (*not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations, or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes*)	7
Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks	7
Markets and Fairs	0
Miscellaneous	17
Churches, &c.	3
Hospitals	2
Subways	0
Gaols and other County Buildings	0
Inclosure and Drainage	1
Estate	3
Divorce	0
Naturalisation	0
TOTAL	163

Private Bill Office,
August 1904.

JOHN H. SOMERSET,
Principal Clerk.

OPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS.

RETURN of all the PRIVATE BILLS and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1904, have been reported on by COMMITTEES on Opposed Private Bills; together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the First and also the Last Day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has Served; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Not Proved; and in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed; and the Bills Withdrawn, or not proceeded with by the Parties.

Note.—(*a.*) The Groups to which a Number is affixed consist of Railway and Canal Bills; those to which a Letter is affixed consist of Private Bills other than Railway and Canal Bills.

(*b.*) Particulars about the following Select Committees, which deal exclusively with Private Business, are to be found in the Select Committee's Return; Court of Referees and Standing Orders, and in the same Return particulars about the Committee of Selection, which is chiefly occupied with Private Business.

NAMES OF MEMBERS Selected.	Number of Days on which each Member attended.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	First Sitting of the Committee.	Last Sitting of the Committee.	NAMES OF BILLS.	Days occupied by each Bill in Committee.	Preamble Proved.	Preamble *not* Proved.	Withdrawn.	REMARKS.
GROUP 1.										
Mr. Kimber (Chairman) -	17	17	10 Mar.	20 April	1. North Staffordshire Railway	4	14 Mar.			
Mr. Fuller - - - -	16				2. Great Central Railway -	4	18 Mar.			
Mr. Maxwell - - -	15				3. Humber Commercial Railway and Dock.	11	18 April			
Mr. Toulmin - - -	17				4. Sheffield, Laughton, and Maltby Railway.	–	–	–	10 Mar.	No appearance entered in support of this Bill.
GROUP 2.										
Mr. Ashton (Chairman).	2	2	9 Mar.	14 Mar.	1. South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway.	1	9 Mar.			
Mr. A. H. Heath - -	2				2. Great Eastern Railway.	2	14 Mar.			
Mr. Donal Sullivan - -	2									
Mr. Walter Palmer (removed from group, 3rd March).										
Mr. Charles Tuff (added, 3rd March).	2									

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GROUP 3.										
Mr. Tatton Egerton (Chairman).	5	5	15 Mar.	21 Mar.	1. Soothill Nether Urban District Tramways.	4	17 Mar.			
Mr. Soares - - - -	4				2. Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways.	1	18 Mar.			
Sir Robert Hermon-Hodge.	5				3. Watford and District Tramways (Extension of Time).	1	–	18 Mar.		
Mr. Charles Rose - -	5									
GROUP 4.										
Mr. Russell Rea (Chairman).	8	8	10 Mar.	22 Mar.	1. North and South Woolwich Electric Railway.	2	–		21 Mar.	
Sir Theodore Doxford -	7				2. Baker Street and Waterloo Railway.	3	17 Mar.			
Mr. Joseph Walton - -	7				3. Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway.	3	21 Mar.			
Mr. Nicholson - - -	8				4. Torquay Tramways.	2	14 Mar.			
GROUP 5.										
Mr. Compton Rickett (Chairman).	20	20	14 April	17 May	1. London, Camberwell and Dulwich Tramways.	9	26 April			
Mr. Baird (discharged 6th May).	14				2. London County Council (Tramways and Improvements).	11	17 May			
Mr. Dobbie (discharged 26th April).	9									
Mr. Pemberton - - -	20									
Mr. J. A. Dewar (added 26th April).	11									
Mr. C. C. Craig (added 6th May).	6									

GROUP 6.										
Mr. Bond (Chairman).	6	6	26 April	5 May	1. London and India Docks Company.	6	3 May			
Mr. Partington (discharged on 25th April).	0									
Mr. Doughty - - -	6									
Mr. Robert Cameron - -	6									
Mr. Lyell (added on 25th April).	6									
GROUP 7.										
Mr. Kearley (Chairman) -	9	9	14 April	27 April	1. Mullingar, Kells and Drogheda Railway.	2	14 April			
Sir Edgar Vincent - -	8				2. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company (Steam Vessels).	6	22 April			
Mr. Mooney - - -	9				3. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company (Various Powers).	2	25 April			
Colonel Lucas - - -	8				4. Strabane, Raphoe and Convoy Railway.	2	26 April			
GROUP 8.										
Mr. Henry Hobhouse (Chairman).	8	8	3 May	18 May	1. London United Tramways -	3	4 May			
Mr. Joseph Walton (discharged 5th May).	3				2. Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees and Thornaby Tramways	5	12 May			
Mr. Kenneth Balfour - -	7									
Mr. Crean - - - -	4									
Mr. Ainsworth (added 10th May).	5									

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GROUP 9.										
Sir Edward Strachey (Chairman).	9	9	7 June	22 July	1. Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads [*Lords*].	5	10 June	–	–	Recommitted in respect of clauses 15 and 16 (30 June).
Mr. David Morgan - -	8				2. Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways [*Lords*].	2	13 June			
Mr. Delany - - -	9				3. Preston and Blackburn Tramways [*Lords*].	1	–	14 June		
Mr. Melville - - -	9				4. Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads [*Lords*] (*Recommitted*).	3	22 July			
GROUP 10.										
Sir Lewis McIver (Chairman).	6	6	29 June	12 July	1. Metropolitan District Railway [*Lords*].	1	29 June			
Mr. Crombie - - -	6				2. Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway [*Lords*].	5	12 July			
Mr. Webb - - - -	6									
Captain Clive - - -	6				3. Great Western Railway [*Lords*].	2	12 July			
GROUP 11.										
Sir William Holland (Chairman).	2	2	29 June	30 June	1. Cardiff Railway [*Lords*].	2	30 June			
Mr. John Howard - -	1				2. Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway [*Lords*].	1	30 June			
Mr. Cathcart Wason - -	2									
Mr. Rowland Hunt - -	2									
GROUP A.										
Mr. Tennant (Chairman).	3	3	8 March	15 March	1. Bishop's Stortford and District Gas.	2	8 March			
Mr. Plummer - - -	3									
Mr. Duncan - - -	3				2. Bexhill Water and Gas.	2	14 March			
Mr. Rutherford - - -	3									

GROUP B.										
Mr. Fison (Chairman).	6	6	1 March	9 March	1. South Shields Gas.	5	3 March			
Mr. Soames	6				2. Chippenham Gas.	2	9 March			
Mr. Reginald Lucas	6				3. Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water.	1	8 March			
Mr. Runciman	6									
GROUP C.										
Mr. Cawley (Chairman).	7	7	13 April	21 April	1. East London and Lower Thames Electric Power.	3	–	15 April		
Colonel Denny	7				2. Cheshire Electricity and Power-Gas.	4	–	21 April		
Dr. Hutchinson	6									
Mr. Remnant	5									
GROUP D.										
Colonel Welby (Chairman) (discharged 8th March).	–	3	8 March	14 March	1. Sutton Gas.	3	9 March			Colonel Welby was incapacitated for serving by illness. Mr. Cremer became Chairman by rotation.
Mr. Cremer (Chairman).	3				2. Sheppy Gas.	1	14 March	–	–	
Mr. S. Ormsby-Gore	3									
Captain Ellice	3									
Colonel Tufnell (added 8th March).	2									
GROUP E.										
Sir A. H. Brown (Chairman).	7	7	15 March	14 April	1. Corporation of London (Southwark and other Bridges).	4	–	–	14 April	
Mr. Vaughan Davies	5				2. St Marylebone Electric Lighting.	3	24 March			
Mr. Walter Palmer	7									
Mr. C. P. Allen	7									
GROUP F.										
Sir Joseph Leese (Chairman).	10	10	14 April	28 April	1. Thames River Steamboat Service.	10	28 April			Treated as Competing Bills.
Colonel Pryce-Jones	10				2. Thames Steamboat Trust.	10	–	28 April		
Mr. Platt-Higgins	9									
Mr. G. M. Brown	10									

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Group G.										
Captain Jessel (Chairman).	6	6	13 April	22 April	1. Amersham, Beaconsfield and District Water.	1	13 April			
Mr. Trevelyan - - -	6				2. Barnet District Gas and Water.	5	19 April			
Mr. Reid - - - -	6									
Mr. Crooks - - - -	6									
Group H.										
Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher (Chairman).	12	12	7 June	22 June	1. Selby Urban District Council (clauses 17–42 inclusive).	3	9 June	–	–	Referred to Police and Sanitary Committee.
Mr. Alfred Hutton (discharged 9th June).	3				2. Clyde Navigation (Works).	2	13 June			
Mr. John Hammond - -	12				3. Matlock and District Gas [*Lords*].	3	14 June			
Mr. Philip Foster - -	12				4. Barrow-in-Furness Corporation [*Lords*].	7	21 June			
Mr. Duncan (added 9th June)	9									
Group I.										
Sir John Brunner (Chairman).	10	10	8 June	28 June	1. Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4).	3	13 June			
Mr. Rothschild - - -	10				2. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board [*Lords*].	8	28 June			
Mr. Mansfield - - -	9									
Mr. Lambton - - -	10									
Group J.										
Mr. Tennant (Chairman) -	7	7	14 June	25 June	1. Llanelly Harbour [*Lords*] -	2	15 June			
Sir E. Durning-Laurence -	7				2. Milwyr and District Mines Drainage.	5	25 June			
Mr. Charles Morley - -	7									
Mr. Arkwright - - -	6									

GROUP K.										
Captain Jessel (Chairman)	2	2	28 June	5 July	Loch Leven Water Power	1	5 July			
Mr. Barlow	2									
Mr. Raymond-Greene	2									
Mr. Cullinan	12									
GROUP L.										
Mr. Agg-Gardner (Chairman).	15	15	29 June	21 July	1. Local Government Provisional Order (No. 9).	3	30 June			
Mr. Sheehy	15				2. Local Government Provisional Order (No. 11).	3	1 July			
Mr. Brooke Robinson	15				3. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13):—					
Mr. Arthur Stanley (discharged, 18th July).	11				(*a*) Blackpool Order;	2	4 July			
Colonel Blundell (added, 18th July).	4				(*b*) Newcastle-upon-Tyne Order.	8	13 July			
					4. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10).	1	13 July			
					5. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7).	3	18 July			
					6. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8).	1	18 July			
					7. Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2).	1	13 July	—	—	These Provisional Order Bills were divided under Standing Order 208*a*(July 13th).
					8. Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) (*Islay Order*).	3	20 July	—	—	
					9. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation [*Lords*].	2	21 July			
GROUP M.										
Sir James Woodhouse (Chairman).	4	4	19 July	4 Aug.	1. Newcastle and Gateshead Water [*Lords*].	2	20 July			
Col. Walker (discharged 14th July).	—				2. Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) [*Lords*].	1	27 Aug.			
Mr. W. Jones	4				3. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Confirmation Bill.	1	4 Aug.			
Col. Warde	3									
Lord Hugh Cecil (added 14th July).	4									

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POLICE AND SANITARY COMMITTEE. *Whole Committee and Section A.*										
Mr. Heywood Johnstone (Chairman).	57	66	29 Feb.	5 Aug.	1. Kettering Improvement. -	3	10 March			
					2. Birkdale Improvement -	2	16 March			
Mr. Bill (acted once as Chairman).	11				3. Acton Improvement - -	4	24 March			
					4. Wolverhampton Corporation	3	29 March			
Sir George Fardell - -	25				5. Doncaster Corporation -	5	18 April			
					6. Carlisle Corporation - -	13	5 May			
Mr. Ernest Flower (discharged 28th April).	—				7. Radcliffe Tramways and Improvement.	2	10 May			
Mr. Graham - - -	15				8. Skipton Water and Improvement.	2	17 May			
Mr. Corrie Grant (acted four times as Chairman).	35				9. Leyton Urban District Council.	6	10 June			
Mr. Layland-Barratt - -	41				10. London County Council (General Powers).	7	20 June			
Mr. Luke White - -	41				11. Selby Urban District Council.	2	21 June	–	–	Referred also, with respect to certain clauses, to Committee on Group H.
Mr. Whitley - - -	36				12. Rotherham Corporation -	3	24 June			
					13. Leeds Corporation (Consolidation).	11	19 July			
Mr. John Wilson (Glasgow)	49				14. Bridlington Corporation [*Lords*].	3	21 July			
Mr. J. W. Wilson (Worcestershire), (acted five times as Chairman).	25				15. Manchester Corporation (General Powers) [*Lords*].	1	21 July			
Mr. C. B. Balfour (added 28th April).	10				16. Ilford Urban District Council [*Lords*].	3	27 July			
					17. Stretford Urban District Council [*Lords*].	4	29 July			Referred to this Committee in connection with the Stretford Urban District Council Bill.
					18. Trafford Park [*Lords*].	2	27 July	–	–	

In addition, the following Members served as Section B. of the Committee when divided.										
Mr. J. W. Wilson (Worcestershire) (Chairman).	7	7	11 May	29 June	19. Lytham Improvement - 20. Swindon Corporation - 21. Great Yarmouth Corporation [*Lords*]. 22. Filey Improvement [*Lords*]	2 3 2 1	12 May 8 June 28 June 29 June			
Mr. Bill - - - -	2									
Sir George Fardell - -	1									
Mr. Graham - - -	6									
Mr. Luke White - - -	7									
Mr. Whitley - - -	7									

The following Bill was committed to Select Committee of three members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Mr. D. A. Thomas (Chairman.)	2	2	21 June	29 June	DEAN FOREST BILL.	2	29 June			Witnesses' expenses amounted to 21*l.* 16*s.* 3d.
Mr. Charles Seeley - -	2									
Mr. Renwick - - -	2									

The following Bills were referred to Select Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committe of Selection.

Members nominated by the House.										
Mr. Bousfield (Chairman).	3		10 June	23 June	ELECTRIC LIGHTING (LONDON) BILL.	2	23 June			
Mr. Hayden - - -	3									
Mr. Bamford Slack - .	3									
Members added by the Committee of Selection.										
Mr. Hare - - - -	2									
Mr. William Younger .	2									

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POLICE AND SANITARY COMMITTEE—*cont.*										
Members nominated by the House.										
Mr. Stuart-Wortley (Chairman.)	1	1	19 July.		COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BILL.	1	19 July			
Sir Cuthbert Quilter.	0									
Mr. Soames - - -	1									
Members added by the Committee of Selection.										
Mr. Henry Hobhouse - -	1									
Mr. Price - - - -	1									
Mr. Round - - - -	1									
Mr. Tomkinson - - -	1									
Members nominated by the House.										
Lord Stanley (Chairman) -	1	1	1 August.		POST OFFICE (SITES) BILL.	1	1 Aug.			
Captain Clive - - -	1									
Dr. Hutchinson - - -										
Members added by the Committee of Selection.										
Captain Ellice - - -	1									
Colonel Legge - - -	1									

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
August 1904.

REGINALD DICKINSON,
Principal Clerk of Committees.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS, 1904.

RETURN of all Private Bills and Bills for Confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1904, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee, the Number of Days on which each Committee sat, and the Number of Days on which each Member attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 0.197, of Session 1903).

NAME OF BILL.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.
Appleby Corporation Gas (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones Sir Chandos Leigh.
Barnard Castle Gas (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Barry Railway (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Belfast and North-East Ireland Electricity and Power Gas (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Belfast Corporation Tramways (H.L.)	1	
Blyth and Cowpen Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Bournemouth Corporation Tramways (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Bristol Corporation (H.L.)	1	
Bristol Tramways (Extensions) (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Brixham Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Brymbo Water	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.

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Buxton Urban District Council (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Cambrian Railways (H.L.) - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Chesterfield Corporation Tramways and Improvements (H.L.).	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Chesterfield Gas and Water Board (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
City of London (Central Criminal Court-House).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. H. D. Greene.
Clyde Valley Electrical Powers (*Substituted Bill*) (H.L.).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Colney Hatch Gas - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Corbridge Gas - - - - -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Croydon Gas - - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Crystal Palace District Gas (Title subsequently changed to South Suburban Gas).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
De Trafford Estate (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power (H.L.).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. H. D. Greene.

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Derwent Valley Water Board (H.L.).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Donegal Railway	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Ebbw Vale Urban District Water (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Elysée Palace Hotel Company (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Felixstowe Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Carvill. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Gomersal Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Carvill. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Gosport Water (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Govan Burgh (Electricity) (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Great Central and Midland Joint Railways	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Great Northern Railway	1	
Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Great Northern and City Railway (Extension of Time).	1	
Hampton-in-Arden Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.

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Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Holyrood Tramways (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment) (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Ipswich Dock Commission (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
King's College Hospital (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Gas	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Lancashire Electric Power (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. H. D. Greene.
Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power (H.L.)	1	
Leeds Corporation Waterworks Railway (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Crombie. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Liverpool and Wigan Churches (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
London, Chatham and Dover Railway (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
London County Council (Money)	1	
London and North Western Railway	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.

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London, Tilbury and Southend Railway -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh, Referee.
Lord Tredegar's Supplemental Estate (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Lothians Electric Power (H.L.) - -	1	
Manchester Corporation Tramways (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Manchester Ship Canal (H.L.) - - -	1	
Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Maidenhead Bridge (H.L.) - - -	1	
Marylebone Chapels (St. James Westmoreland Street (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Metropolitan Railway (H.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Midland Railway - - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Minehead Urban District Council Water (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
New River Company (H.L.) - - -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
North Wales Electric Power (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Norwich Water - - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Carvill. Sir Chandos Leigh.

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North Western Electricity and Power Gas	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council (H.L.)	1	
Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Crombie. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Plymouth Corporation - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Portmadoc, Beddgelert and South Snowdon Railways (H.L.) - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Preston Corporation Water (H.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. H. D. Greene.
Richard Jaeger's Patent (H.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Ryde Gas - - - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment).	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital (U.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
St. Mary Woolnoth (H.L.) - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment) (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Shipley Urban District Council (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. H. D. Greene.

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South Staffordshire Mines Drainage (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Southend-on-Sea Gas - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Southend Water - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Surrey Commercial Dock - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Thurles Urban District Council Water -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Ticehurst and District Water and Gas (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Parker Smith.
Tottenham Improvement - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Tynemouth Corporation (H.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Tynemouth Gas (H.L.) - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
University of Leeds (H.L.) - - -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Victoria University of Manchester (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.

NAME OF BILL.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	NAMES OF MEMBER.
Wellington (Somerset) Gas - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Carvill. Sir Chandos Leigh.
West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
West Riding Tramways (H.L.) - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Whitby Gas - - - - - -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Yorktown and Blackwater Gas (H.L.) -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Young and Bell's Patents (*Substituted Bill*) (H.L.) - - - - - -	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.

PROVISIONAL ORDER BILLS (1904).

NAME OF BILL.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.
Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order	1	
Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham) (H.L.)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Education Board Provisional Order (Cardiff)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Education Board Provisional Order (London) (H.L.)	1	
Education Board Provisional Order (Swansea)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) (H.L.)	1	
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) (H.L.)	1	
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) (H.L.)	—*	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) (H.L.)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.

NAME OF BILL.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.
Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) (H.L.) -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) [H.L.] -	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Crombie. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Gas and Water Orders Confirmation [H.L.]	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation [H.L.]	1	
Land Drainage Provisional Order (Owston and West Butterwick, in the county of Lincoln) (Parts of Lindsey).	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr. Mellor. Mr. Parker Smith. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7)	1	
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8)	1	
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12)	1	
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Paulton. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15)	1	

NAME OF BILL.	Number of Days on which each Committee sat.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Brymnor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2)	1	
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3)	1	
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4)	1	
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Crombie. Mr. H. D. Greene.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas)	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law)	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) Provisional Order.	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Metropolitan Common Scheme (Hillingdon East) Provisional Order.	1	
Metropolitan Police Provisional Order.	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) [H.L.]	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Parker Smith. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) [H.L.]	1	Chairman of Ways and Means. Deputy Chairman. Mr. Worsley Taylor. Mr. Crombie. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) [H.L.]	1	Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. D. Greene. Mr. Brynmor Jones. Sir Chandos Leigh.
Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) [H.L.]	1	
Water Orders Confirmation [H.L.] - -	1	

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS.

SESSION 1904.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Number of Days on which each Member attended.
Chairman of Ways and Means	17
Deputy Chairman	20
Mr. Mellor	3
Mr. Parker Smith	5
Mr. H. D. Greene	13
Mr. Brynmor Jones	8
Mr. Worsley Taylor	4
Mr. Paulton	4
Mr. Crombie	3
Mr. Carvill	1
Sir Chandos Leigh	20

Department of Chairman of Committee of Ways and Means, August, 1904.

RUPERT COLOMB.

Number of Bills referred to Chairman of Ways and Means by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills	98
Number of Provisional Order Bills reported on by the Committee on Unopposed Bills	44
Total	142

SUMMARY FOR ROYAL ASSENT.

SESSION, 1904

CLASSIFICATION.	April 28.	June 24.	July 22.	August 1.	August 15.	Total.
Railways	1	8	11	2	8	30
Tramways	0	2	2	1	11	16
Tramroads	0	0	1	1	1	3
Canals and Navigations	0	1	0	0	3	4
Roads and Bridges	0	0	1	0	0	1
Water	1	4	2	2	4	13
Gas	1	19	4	0	2	26
Gas and Water	0	1	2	0	1	4
Lighting and Improvement	0	1	2	0	1	4
Police and Sanitary	0	2	5	1	14	22
Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations, or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes)	0	1	3	0	3	7
Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks	0	2	2	0	3	7
Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds	0	1	2	0	0	3
Inclosure and Drainage	0	1	0	0	0	1
Estates	0	0	0	1	2	3
Miscellaneous	1	8	7	0	1	17
Hospitals	0	1	0	0	1	2
						163

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RETURNS RELATING TO PRIVATE BUSINESS FOR SESSION 1904.

(A.)—Number of Private Bills		introduced by petition into the House of Commons	95
,,	,,	brought from the House of Lords to the House of Commons	88
,,	,,	Estate Bills brought from the House of Lords	3
,,	,,	Divorce Bills brought from the House of Lords	—
,,	,,	Naturalization Bills brought from the House of Lords	—
,,	,,	Provisional Order Confirmation Bills read the first time in the House of Commons	79
,,	,,	Hybrid Bills	6
		TOTAL	271

(B.)—Number of	Private Bills	which have received the Royal Assent	163
,,	Provisional Order Bills		53
,,	Hybrid Bills		4*
,,	Private Bills	passed in the House of Commons, and not passed in the House of Lords	—
,,	Provisional Order Bills		—
,,	Hybrid Bills		—
,,	Private Bills	which have been withdrawn or not proceeded with by the Parties	8
,,	Provisional Order Bills		1
,,	Hybrid Bills		3†
,,	Private Bills	which have not passed Standing Orders Committee or have been rejected in the House	2
,,	Provisional Order Bills		-
,,	Hybrid Bills		—
,,	Private Bills	which have been rejected in Committee	5
,,	Provisional Order Bills		1
,,	Hybrid Bills		—
		TOTAL	241

(C.)—Number of	Private Bills	reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills	76
,,	Provisional Order Bills		11
,,	Hybrid Bills reported on by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection		4
		TOTAL	91

Number of	Private Bills	reported on by Committee on Unopposed Bills	98
,,	Provisional Order Bills		44
		TOTAL	142

* "Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill" suspended in the House of Lords till next Session.
† Including the Port of London Bill suspended from last Session.

JOHN H. SOMERSET,
Principal Clerk.

Private Bill Office,
August 1904.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (DAYS OCCUPIED BY GOVERNMENT AND BY PRIVATE MEMBERS).

RETURN showing, with reference to Session 1904:—(1) the Number of Sittings at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders, Government Business had Precedence; (2) the Number of Evening Sittings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the Number of Sittings on Fridays at which Private Members had Precedence under the Standing Orders; (3) the Number of Sittings at which Government Business had Precedence under a Special Order of the House; (4) the Number of Saturday Sittings; (5) the Total Number of Sittings at which Government Business had Precedence; (6) the Total Number of Days on which the House Sat; (7) the Total Number of Motions for Adjournment of the House on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance; and (8) the Number of Days on which Business of Supply was considered.

(1.)—The Number of SITTINGS at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders, GOVERNMENT BUSINESS had Precedence.

SESSION 1904.

Tuesday, 2nd February (First day of Meeting).

Month.	Mondays.	Tuesdays.	Wednesdays.	Thursdays.	Fridays. (12 o'clock sittings).	Total.
FEBRUARY	8th Feb. 15th ,, 22nd ,, 29th ,,	9th Feb. 16th ,, *23rd ,,	3rd Feb. 10th ,, 17th ,, *24th ,,	4th Feb. 11th ,, 18th ,, 25th ,,	5th Feb. 12th ,, 19th ,,	18 Sittings.
MARCH - -	7th March 14th ,, 21st ,, 28th ,,	* 1st March * 8th ,, *15th ,, *22nd ,, *29th ,,	* 2nd March * 9th ,, *16th ,, *23rd ,,	3rd March 10th ,, 17th ,, 24th ,,	—	17 Sittings.
APRIL - -	18th April 25th ,,	*12th April 19th ,, 26th ,,	*13th April *20th ,, *27th ,,	14th April 21st ,, 28th ,,	—	11 Sittings.
MAY - - -	2nd May 9th ,, 16th ,,	3rd May 10th ,, 17th ,, *31st ,,	* 4th May *11th ,, *18th ,,	5th May 12th ,, *19th ,,	—	13 Sittings.
JUNE - - -	6th June 13th ,, 20th ,, 27th ,,	7th June 14th ,, 21st ,, 28th ,,	1st June 8th ,, 15th ,, 22nd ,, 29th ,,	2nd June 9th ,, *16th ,, 23rd ,, 30th ,,	3rd June 24th ,,	20 Sittings.
JULY - -	4th July 11th ,, 18th ,, 25th ,,	5th July 12th ,, 19th ,, 26th ,,	6th July 13th ,, — 27th ,,	7th July 14th ,, 21st ,, 28th ,,	1st July 8th ,, 15th ,, 22nd ,, 29th ,,	20 Sittings.
AUGUST - -	1st Aug. 8th ,, 15th ,,	2nd Aug. 9th ,,	3rd Aug. 10th ,,	4th Aug. 11th ,,	5th Aug. 12th ,,	11 Sittings. Prorogation.
Total - -	24	25	24	25	12	110†

* Afternoon Sittings only.

† Of which 21 were Afternoon Sittings only.

(2.)—The Number of EVENING SITTINGS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the Number of SITTINGS on Fridays, at which PRIVATE MEMBERS had Precedence under the Standing Orders.

Month.	Tuesday evening Sittings.	Wednesday evening Sittings.	Friday (12 o'clock) Sittings.	Total Number of Sittings during the Month.
FEBRUARY - - -	23rd February	24th February	26th February	3 Sitting.
MARCH - - -	1st March 8th ,, 15th ,, 22nd ,, †29th ,,	2nd March 9th ,, 16th ,, 23rd ,,	4th March 11th ,, 18th ,, 25th ,,	13 Sittings.
APRIL - - -	— — —	13th April 20th ,, 27th ,,	15th April 22nd ,, 29th ,,	6 Sittings.
MAY - - -	— — —	4th May 11th ,, 18th ,,	6th May 13th ,,	5 Sittings.
JUNE - - -	— —	— —	10th June 17th ,,	2 Sittings.
Total Number of Sittings during the Session -	6	11	12	*29 Sittings.

* Of which 17 were Evening Sittings only. † House counted out.

(3.)—The Number of SITTINGS at which GOVERNMENT BUSINESS had Precedence under a SPECIAL ORDER of the HOUSE.

Nil.

(4.) The Number of SATURDAY SITTINGS.

Saturday, August 13th.

Total 1.

(5.)—The Total Number of SITTINGS at which GOVERNMENT BUSINESS had Precedence - 111,* of which 21 were Afternoon Sittings only.

* Excluding Tuesday, 2nd February, the first day of Meeting.

(6.)—The Total Number of DAYS on which the HOUSE sat—124.

(7.)—The Total Number of MOTIONS for ADJOURNMENT of the HOUSE on a matter of Urgent PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Date and Reference to the Votes.	Name of Member who Moved the Adjournment.	Question Discussed.	Result of Motion.
*22nd Feb., p. 100	Dr. Macnamara	Transvaal (Chinese Labour Ordinance).	Negatived on Division (Ayes, 156; Noes, 212).
†7th Mar., p. 144	Mr. John Ellis	Cabinet resignations.	Negatived on Division (Ayes, 172; Noes, 237).
*20th Apr., p. 266	Mr. Austin Taylor	Ecclesiastical Disorders (Royal Commission).	Negatived on Division (Ayes, 90; Noes, 176).
*5th May, p. 323	Major Seely	Treatment of South African Natives (Witwatersrand).	Negatived on Division (Ayes, 150; Noes, 213).
*20th June, p. 475	Mr. Cathcart Wason	East Africa (Alien Settlement).	Negatived without a Division.
*28th June, p. 512	Mr. Beckett	Army re-organisation.	Motion lapsed at midnight without question put.
*19th July, p. 609	Mr. Lloyd George	Lord Dundonald and the Canadian Government	Negatived without a Division.

Total Number of Motions for the Adjournment of the House during the Session - 7.

* Leave of House signified by not less than 40 members rising in their place.
† Leave of House signified without a call upon members to rise in their places.

(8.)—The Number of DAYS on which Business of Supply was considered.

SESSION 1904.

IN COMMITTEE:

Monday	22nd February.
Tuesday	23rd February.
Wednesday	24th February.
Thursday	25th February.
Monday	29th February.
Tuesday	1st March.
Wednesday	2nd March.
*Thursday	3rd March.
Wednesday	9th March.
*Thursday	10th March.
*Monday	14th March.
Tuesday	15th March.
*Tuesday	12th April.
*Thursday	14th April.
Monday	18th April.
*Thursday	28th April.
*Thursday	5th May.
*Thursday	12th May
*Tuesday	31st May.
*Thursday	2nd June.
*Thursday	9th June.
*Thursday	16th June.
*Thursday	23rd June.
*Thursday	30th June.
*Monday	7th July.
*Thursday	14th July.
*Thursday	21st July.

28th July, 1904, page 648 of the Votes. *Ordered*, that three additional days be allotted to the Business of Supply:—

Tuesday	2nd August.
*Wednesday	3rd August.
*Thursday	4th August.
*Monday	8th August.
*Tuesday	9th August.

ON REPORT:

*Thursday	17th March.
*Wednesday	10th August.

In Committee	32
On Report	2
	34 days

* Allotted days.

SUPPLY—SESSION 1904.

SUMMARY.

Class of Estimates, 1903–1904.	No. of Votes.	Sittings of Committee.	No. of Votes agreed to.	Total No. of Votes agreed to.
Navy Supplementary 1903–1904 - - -	1	Feb. 23	1	1
Civil Service Supplementary 1903–1904 - -	6	Feb. 24	4	6
		Mar. 15	2	
Army Supplementary 1903–1904 - - -	1	Feb. 22	0	1
		,, 23	0	
		,, 25	1	
Total - - - -	8	5	8	8
Estimates, 1904–1905.				
Navy (including vote for men) - - - -	18	Feb. 29	0	18
		Mar. 1	1	
		,, 2	1	
		,, 3	1	
		April 12	11	
		Aug. 4	1	
		,, 9	3	
Army (including vote for men and Ordnance Factories) - - - - - - -	18	Mar. 9	0	18
		,, 10	2	
		April 14	1	
		July 14	0	
		Aug. 8	1	
		,, 9	14	
Civil Services (vote on account) - - - -	1	Mar. 14	1	1
Civil Services :				
Class I. (including 1 Supplementary Vote) -	15	April 18	0	15
		,, 28	2	
		May 31	1	
		June 30	1	
		Aug. 9	11	
,, II. (including 2 Supplementary Votes)	41	May 5	0	41
		,, 12	1	
		June 2	0	
		,, 9	0	
		,, 16	1	
		,, 23	1	
		July 7	0	
		,, 21	0	
		Aug. 2	1	
		,, 3	0	
		,, 9	37	
Class III. - - - - - - -	22	July 7	1	22
		Aug. 9	21	
,, IV. - - - - - - -	13	Aug. 3	0	13
		,, 9	13	
,, V. (including 1 Supplementary Vote) -	5	Aug. 9	5	5
,, VI. - - - - - - -	4	Aug. 9	4	4
,, VII. (including 1 Supplementary Vote) -	6	Aug. 9	6	6
Revenue Departments - - - - -	5	May 12	1	5
		,, 31	2	
		Aug. 9	2	
Total - - - - - -	148	27	148	148

ALLOTTED DAYS ON WHICH SUPPLY HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

			Votes agreed to.
Thursday	Mar. 3	Navy	1
,,	,, 10	Army	2
Monday	,, 14	Vote on Account	1
Thursday	,, 17	Report	—
Tuesday	April 12	Navy	11
Thursday	,, 14	Army	1
,,	,, 28	Civil Services, Class 1	2
,,	May 5	,, Class 2	0
,,	,, 12	,, Class 2	1
		Revenue Departments	1
Tuesday	,, 31	,, ,,	2
		Civil Services, Class 1	1
Thursday	June 2	,, Class 2	0
,,	,, 9	,, Class 2	0
,,	,, 16	,, Class 2	1
,,	,, 23	,, Class 2	1
,,	,, 30	Reports	—
		Civil Services, Class 1	1
,,	July 7	,, Class 3	1
		,, Class 2	0
,,	,, 14	Army	0
,,	,, 21	Civil Services, Class 2	0
Wednesday	Aug. 3	,, Class 2	0
		,, Class 4	0
Thursday	,, 4	,, Class 2	0
		Navy	1
Monday	,, 8	Army	1
Tuesday	,, 9	Civil Services, Class 1	11
		,, Class 2	37
		,, Class 3	21
		,, Class 4	13
		,, Class 5	5
		,, Class 6	4
		,, Class 7	6
		Revenue	2
		Navy	3
		Army	14
Wednesday	,, 10	Reports	—

SUMMARY.

SESSION 1904.

(1.) The Number of Sittings at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders, Government Business had Precedence.	(2.) The Number of Evening Sittings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and the Number of Sittings on Fridays, at which Private Members had Precedence under the Standing Orders.	(3.) The Number of Sittings at which Government Business had Precedence under a Special Order of the House.	(4.) The Number of Saturday Sittings.	(5.) The Total Number of Sittings at which Government Business had Precedence.	(6.) The Total Number of Days on which the House Sat.	(7.) The Total Number of Motions for Adjournment of the House on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.	(8.) Number of Days on which Business of Supply was considered.
TOTALS - 110	29†	0	1	111*	124	7	34

* Tuesday, 2nd February, first day of meeting, not included. Twenty-one were Afternoon Sittings only.
† Of which 17 were Evening Sittings only.

WILLIAM H. LEY,
Clerk of the Journals.

15th *August*, 1904.

CLOSURE OF DEBATE (STANDING ORDER No. 26).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 August, 1904;—*for*,

RETURN respecting APPLICATION of STANDING ORDER NO. 26 (CLOSURE of DEBATE) during the SESSION of 1904, under the following heads:—

Date when Closure Moved.	By whom Moved.	Question before House or Committee when Moved.	Whether in House or Committee.	Whether Assent given to Motion or withheld by Speaker or Chairman.	Assent withheld because, in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.	Result of Motion, and, if a Division, Numbers For and Against.
17th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	King's Speech - - - - - - - - - "That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:— Most Gracious Sovereign, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament."	In House	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 330; Noes, 172.

		Amendment proposed to add the words,— "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is highly inexpedient that sanction should be given to any ordinance permitting the introduction of indentured Chinese labourers into the Transvaal Colony until the approval of the colonists has been formally ascertained." "That those words be there added."				
19th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	King's Speech - - - - - - - - - "That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:— Most Gracious Sovereign, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 232; Noes, 139.
23rd Feb.	Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.	Supply - - - - - - - - - - Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4. "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding 2,700,000*l.*, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1904, for Additional Expenditure, in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:— £ Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army - - 2,000,000 Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - 2,100,000 Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - - - - - - 2,030,000 Total - - - £6,130,000 Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) - - - - - 3,430,000 £2,700,000" "That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head F (C), Pay, &c. of the Corps of Imperial Yeomanry (South Africa), be reduced by 100*l.*"	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 190; Noes, 123.

Date when Closure Moved.	By whom Moved.	Question before House or Committee when Moved.	Whether in House or Committee.	Whether Assent given to Motion or withheld by Speaker or Chairman.	Assent withheld because, in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.	Result of Motion, and, if a Division, Numbers For and Against.
23rd Feb.	Sir Joseph Leese	Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill "That the Bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	In House	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
24th Feb.	Sir Joseph Leese	Supply Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903–4. Class I. "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding 7,300*l.*, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the Royal Palaces." "That a sum, not exceeding 7,200*l.*, be granted for the said Service." The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division :—	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure agreed to.
24th Feb.	Mr. Victor Cavendish	Claimed— "That the Original Question be now put."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Original Question put accordingly.

25th Feb.	Sir George Bartley - -	Supply - - - - - - - - - - - Original Question again proposed :— Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903–4. "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding 2,700,000*l*., be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Additional Expenditure in respect of the following Army Services," viz. :— Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army - - - £2,000,000 Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - - 2,100,000 Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - - - - - - 2,030,000 Total - - - - £6,130,000 Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) - - - - - 3,430,000 £2,700,000" "That Item, Vote 1, Sub-head BB (Pay, &c. of the Somaliland Expeditionary Force), be reduced by 100*l*."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 204 ; Noes, 137.
25th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head E (China Expeditionary Force Transport and Remounts), be reduced by 10,000."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 137 ; Noes, 98.
25th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head F (Somaliland Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by 100*l*."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent withheld.		
25th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - "That Item, Vote 6, Sub-head BB (South Africa, Expenditure in connection with Imperial Military Railways), be reduced by 5,000*l*."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent withheld.		

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25th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - -	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 170; Noes, 113.
25th Feb.	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division:— Claimed— - - - - - - - - - "That the Original Question be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Original Question put accordingly.
26th Feb.	Mr. Joseph Devlin.	Musical Copyright Bill - - - - - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time."	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
26th Feb.	Mr. Reddy -	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - -	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
26th Feb.	Mr. Osmond Williams.	Mines (Eight Hours) Bill - - - - - - "That the Bill be read a second time."	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
1st Mar.	Mr. Pretyman -	Supply - - - - - - - - - - Navy Estimates, 1904–5. "That 131,100 men and boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, including 20,656 Royal Marines." "That 127,100 men and boys be employed for the said Services."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 224; Noes, 131.

3rd Mar.	Mr. Pretyman	Supply - - - - - - - - - - Navy Estimates, 1904–5. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,634,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 173; Noes, 109.
8th Mar.	Mr. Black -	Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Votes) - - - - "That this House is of opinion that means should be given to Seamen and Fishermen, railway servants, and others to record their Votes at Parliamentary Elections, when by reason of their calling they will be absent on duty on the day of the poll."	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
10th Mar.	Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.	Supply - - - - - - - - - - Army Estimates, 1904–5. "That a sum, not exceeding £9,746,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of His Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent withheld.		
10th Mar.	Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - -	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 128; Noes, 87.
18th Mar.	Sir Wm. Holland	Rating of Machinery Bill - - - - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." "That the word 'now,' stand part of the Question."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.		Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 126; Noes, 82.

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23rd Mar.	Mr. Shackleton	Government Departments (Wages) - - - -	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
		"That this House is of opinion that the wages paid to the unskilled workers in Government factories and shipyards should not be less than the standard rate of wages paid for similar work in other employments in the respective districts."				
		Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And the standard rate of wages shall be those recognised by associations of employers and in practice obtained by the trade unions in such trades."				
		"That those words be there added."				
20th Apr.	Mr. Claude Hay.	Public Elementary Schools (Meals) - - - -	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
		"That the Board of Education should require arrangements to be made by the local education authorities whereby every child compelled by Law to attend a Public Elementary School shall have received proper nourishment before being subjected to mental or physical instruction and that in cases in which proper food has not been provided for the child by its parents, it should be first supplied by the local education authority, and subsequently suitable action taken to recover the cost."				

21st April	Sir F. Banbury	Ways an Means Income Tax. "That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and four, at the rate of one shilling."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.		The Committee proceeded to a Division, and the Chairman stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported, and who challenged his decision, successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Ayes had it, six Members only, who challenged his decision, having stood up.
2nd May	Mr. Graham Murray	Education (Scotland) Bill "That the Bill be now read a second time." "That the Debate be now adjourned." The Motion for the adjournment of the Debate having been negatived on Division:	In House	The Speaker's assent given.		Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 128; Noes, 72.
2nd May	Mr. Graham Murray	Claimed— "That the Original Question be now put.'	In House	The Speaker's assent given.		Original Question put accordingly.

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3rd May	Sir Joseph Leese	Ways and Means [26th April] Report - - - - "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution, 'That the additional Excise duties on beer and spirits imposed by sections six and seven of the Finance Act, 1900, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and five.'"	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld		
4th May	Mr. Balfour -	Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill - - "That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, etc.	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 242; Noes, 120.
11th May	Colonel Sandys	Licensing Bill - - - - - - - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	In House -	The Deputy Speaker's assent withheld.		
11th May	Mr. Balfour -	Licensing Bill - - - - - - - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months." "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."	In House -	The Deputy Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closures carried on Division: Ayes, 329; Noes, 224.
3rd June	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Penal Servitude Bill - - - - - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 181; Noes, 71.

7th June	Mr. Balfour -	Licensing Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 1— Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, to insert, at the beginning, the words :—"During the period of seven years after the passing of this Act." "That those words be there inserted." Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "seven," and insert the word "fourteen." "That the word 'seven' stand part of the proposed Amendment." The above proposed Amendment to the proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division :—	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 289 ; Noes, 205.
7th June	Mr. Balfour -	Claimed— - - - - - - - - - "That the Main Question be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Main Question put accordingly.
8th June	Mr. Milvain -	Aliens (Expenses) - - - - - - - - "That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salaries and remuneration of any persons employed and of any Expenses incurred under any Act of the present Session, to make provision with respect to the Immigration of Aliens; and other matters incidental thereto."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent withheld.		
8th June	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Ditto - - - - - ditto - - - - Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "but not exceeding in any one year five thousand pounds." "That those words be there added." The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division :—	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 179 ; Noes, 123.
8th June	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Claimed— - - - - - - - - "That the Main Question be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Main Question put accordingly.

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10th June	Mr. Galloway -	Musical Copyright Bill - - - - - - - "That the words of the Clause to word 'or,' in page 1, line 6, stand part of the Bill."	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
20th June	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Finance Bill - - . - - - - - - Clause 1— Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words, "In lieu of." "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 212; Noes, 166.
20th June	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Ditto - - - - - ditto - - - - - Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, after the word "imported" to insert the words "from foreign countries." "That those words be there inserted."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 158; Noes, 109.
21st June	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 1— Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out the words "or Ireland." "That the words 'or Ireland' stand part of the clause."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 260; Noes, 194.
24th June	Mr. Wyndham	Labourers (Ireland) Bill - - - - - - - 'That the Bill be now read a second time."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 316; Noes, 27.

27th June	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Licensing Bill - - - - - - - - - Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word "licence," to insert the words "which is held by a person whose tenancy of the licensed premises is not subject to conditions requiring him to purchase only from a particular firm or particular firms." "That those words be there inserted."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 265; Noes, 184.
27th June	Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "the holder of which is also the owner of the licensed premises, or is the *bonâ fide* tenant thereof." "That those words be there inserted." Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words, "*bonâ fide* tenant thereof," and insert the words "tenant of the licensed premises as tenant from year to year determinable only in the usual way on half a year's notice, or as lessee for a fixed term of not less than two years, and not determinable on breach of any covenant or agreement other than a covenant or agreement to pay the rent or to insure the premises, or to keep or yield up the same in proper repair." "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent withheld.		
4th July	Mr. Balfour -	Licensing Bill (Procedure) - - - - - - "That the proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days:— (a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day; (b) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day;	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 303; Noes, 223.

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		Licensing Bill (Procedure)—*cont.* (c) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 4 on the third allotted day; (d) The proceedings in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and on any new Government Clauses, and on Schedules, and any new Government Schedules, and any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion on the fourth allotted day; (e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day; and (f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day: After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the Day: At 11 p.m. on the said allotted days, or if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the question or questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments) and on every question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the allotted day: In the case of Government Amendments or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or				

that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be :

At 12 midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order, or, if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill :

Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 7.30 p.m.), under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House :

After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the Day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith. Nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order :

If Progress be Reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent sitting of the Committee."

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out all the words after the word "That," and insert the words "this House declines to consider a proposal to deprive the House of Commons, without any justification in the previous course of the debate, of all power of reasonable and adequate discussion in respect of a measure which seeks, in the absence of any authority from the Country, to make fundamental and much controverted changes in laws vitally affecting the well-being of the people."

"That the words 'the preceedings' stand part of the Question."

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5th July -	Mr. Balfour -	Licensing Bill (Procedure) - - - - - - "That the proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days:— (a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day; (b) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day; (c) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 4 on the third allotted day; (d) The proceedings in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and on any new Government Clauses, and on Schedules and any new Government Schedules, and any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion on the fourth allotted day; and (e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day; and (f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day: After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the Day: At 11 p.m. on the said allotted days, or if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the question or questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments)	In House -	The Speaker's assent given	- - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 265; Noes, 201.

		and on every question necessary to dispose of the allotted business to be concluded on the allotted day: In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be: At 12 midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order, or if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forth with any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill: Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 7.30 p.m.), under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House: After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the Day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith. Nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order: If Progress be Reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent sitting of the Committee."			
13th July	Dr. Macnamara.	Licensing Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 5— "That the words of subsection (2) to the word 'appointed,' in page 3, line 28, stand part of the clause."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent withheld.	

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15th July	Sir William Anson.	Education (Local Authority Default) Bill - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and add the words "this House declines to pass any measure to extend the powers of the Board of Education under the Education Acts of 1902 and 1903, until the Government is prepared to introduce a Bill to amend the said Acts by abolishing all religious tests on teachers, and placing all elementary schools supported by public funds under complete popular control." "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question." The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division:—	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 226; Noes, 140.
15th July	Mr. Balfour.	Claimed - - - - - - - - - - "That the Main Question be now put."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Main Question put accordingly.
19th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 6— "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - .	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 167; Noes, 74.
19th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 7— "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 157; Noes, 65.

19th July	Mr. Attorney-General.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 8— Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 34, to leave out the words, "and the Acts amending that Act." "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 155; Noes, 65.
19th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 8— "That the Question 'That the Clause stand part of the Bill' be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 155; Noes, 65.
19th July	Mr. Balfour.	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause 8— "That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 154; Noes, 65.
19th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - New Clause (Reduction of Coal Duty) brought up, and read the first time— "That the Clause be read a second time."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 173; Noes, 117.
25th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Clause (Exemption from Duty of Alcohol used for Motive Power) brought up, and read the first time— "That the Clause be read a second time."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 225; Noes, 134.
25th July	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer	Finance Bill - - - - - - - - - Amendment proposed in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words "in lieu of." "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."	In House -	- - - -	The Speaker withheld his assent, being of opinion that the House was about to come to a decision without that Motion.	

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2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Business of the House (Government Business) - - "That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business be not interrupted, except at half-past Seven of the clock at an Afternoon Sitting, under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour, though opposed; and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put."	In House -	The Speaker's assent withheld.		
2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Ditto - - - . ditto - - - - -	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division; Ayes, 212: Noes, 134.
2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Supply - - - - - - - - - - Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1904–05. Class II. "That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding 2,960*l.*, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, for the Expense in respect of the Committee of Imperial Defence, in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury.	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division; Ayes, 133: Noes, 59.
2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Capital Expenditure (Money) - - - - - "That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament." "That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	- - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 127; Noes, 54.

2nd Aug.	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer	Capital Expenditure (Money) "That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequrr Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	Closure carried on Division; Ayes, 122; Noes, 53.
2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfonr	Cunard Agreement (Money) "That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding in the whole 2,600,000*l*., as are required for making the Advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and Approved by the House of Commons, 12th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement." "That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again."	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	Closure carried on Division; Ayes, 123; Noes, 53.
2nd Aug.	Mr. Balfour	Cunard Agreement (Money) "That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding in the whole 2,600,000*l*., as are required for making the Advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July, 1903, and approved by the House of Commons, 12th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement.'	In Committee	The Chairman's assent given.	Closure carried on Division; Ayes, 121; Noes, 47.

Date when Closure Moved.	By whom Moved.	Question before House or Committee when Moved.	Whether in House or Committee.	Whether Assent given to Motion or withheld by Speaker or Chairman.	Assent withheld because, in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.	Result of Motion, and if a Division, Numbers For and Against.
3rd Aug.	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Capital Expenditure (Money)—Resolution reported - "That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament." Resolution read a second time:— Amendment proposed, in line 2, after the word "sums," to insert the words "not exceeding in the aggregate six and a-quarter million pounds." "That those words be there inserted." The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division:—	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 132; Noes, 48.
3rd Aug.	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Claimed— - - - - - - - - "That the Main Question be now put."	In House -	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Main Question put accordingly.
5th Aug.	Mr. Balfour -	Education (Local Authority Default) Bill - - - Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out subsection (1). "That the words 'the Board of Education' stand art of the Clause."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division: Ayes, 176; Noes, 74.

5th Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Ditto - - - ditto - - - - - - Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word "Education," to insert the words "after holding a public inquiry at which all persons interested have been heard, and." "That those words be there inserted." The above proposed Amendment having been negatived on Division :—	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 153 ; Noes, 89.
5th Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Claimed to move— . - - - - - - - "That the Question 'That the words of the Clause to the word "make," inclusive, in line 10, stand part of the Clause' be now put."	In Committee.	The Chairman's assent given.	- - - -	Agreed to without a Division, after several Members had been reported to the House for refusing to obey the Chair.
11th Aug.	Mr. Balfour.	Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill - - - "That the Bill be now read a second time.'	In House	The Speaker's assent given.	- - - -	Closure carried on Division : Ayes, 149 ; Noes, 48.

RETURN respecting Application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1904—*continued.*

SUMMARY.

1. Session.	2. Name of Member by whom Closure Moved, and Number of Times Moved.	3. Total Number of Times Closure Moved.	4. Number of Times Closure Moved in House.	5. Number of Times Assent given to Closure by Mr. Speaker or Deputy Speaker.	6. Number of Times Assent withheld by Mr. Speaker or Deputy Speaker.	7. Number of Times Closure Moved in Committee.	8. Number of Times Assent given to Closure by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.	9. Number of Times Assent withheld by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.	10. Number of Times Assent withheld because, in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.	11. Number of Times Closure Carried on Division.	12. Number of Times Closure Negatived on Division.	13. Number of Times Closure Agreed to without a Division.	14. Number of Times Closure not in order.
1904.	Sir William Anson - 1 Mr. Attorney General - 1 Mr. Balfour - - - 18 Sir F. Banbury - - 1 Sir George Bartley - 1 Mr. Black - - - 1 Mr. Victor Cavendish - 1 Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer - - 12 Mr. Joseph Devlin - 1 Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas - - - 10 Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster - - - 5 Mr. Galloway - - 1 Mr. Claude Hay - - 1 Sir William Holland - 1 Sir Joseph Leese - - 3 Dr. Macnamara - - 1 Mr. Milvain - - - 1 Mr. Graham Murray - 2 Mr. Pretyman - - 2 Mr. Reddy - - - 1 Col. Sandys - - - 1 Mr. Shackleton - - 1 Mr. Osmond Williams - 1 Mr. Wyndham - - 1 69	69	30	By Mr. Speaker 17 By the Deputy Speaker 1 18	By Mr. Speaker 11 By the Deputy Speaker 1 12	39	3	6	†1	42	0	2	0

* Including four Main Questions and three Original Questions claimed to be put.

† Included in column 6.

WILLIAM H. LEY,
Clerk of the Journals, 1904.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 August 1904;—*for*,

RETURN "of the number of SELECT COMMITTEES appointed in Session of 1904, including the STANDING COMMITTEES and the COURT OF REFEREES; the subjects of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also, the total number of MEMBERS who served on SELECT COMMITTEES (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.198, of Session 1903)."

ALPHABETICAL LIST of the NAMES of MEMBERS appointed to serve on SELECT COMMITTEES in the Session of 1904.

SESSION 1904.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Committee on which each Member was appointed.
A.	
Abraham, Mr. (*Rhondda*,	16.
Advocate, The Lord. (*See* Dickson, Mr. C. S.)	—
Agg-Gardner, Mr. - - - -	15.
Ainsworth, Mr. - - -	16.
Allsopp, Mr. - - - -	10.
Ambrose, Dr. - - - -	13.
Ashton, Mr. - - - -	11.
Asquith, Mr. - - - -	15.
Atherley-Jones, Mr. - -	15.
Atkinson, Mr. - - -	15. 16.
Attorney-General, Mr. (*See* Finlay, Sir R. B.)	—
Attorney-General for Ireland. (*See* Atkinson, Mr.)	—
B.	
Bagot, Major - - - -	2. 13. 16.
Bailey, Mr. - - - -	5. 15.
Baird, Mr. - - - -	16.
Baldwin, Mr. - - - -	16.
Balfour, Mr. A. J. - - -	8. 15.
Balfour, Captain - - -	16.
Balfour, Mr. Gerald - -	15. 16.
Banbury, Sir Frederick - -	9. 15. 16.
Barren, Mr. - - - -	15. 18.
Barry, Mr. E. - - - -	10.
Bartley, Sir G. - - -	15. 16.
Bathurst, Mr. - - - -	15.
Bayley, Mr. - - - -	16.
Beach, Sir Michael Hicks -	15.
Beckett, Mr. - - - -	16.
Bell, Mr. - - - -	16.
Bhownaggree, Sir M. - -	10. 15.
Bingham, Lord - - -	16.
Black, Mr. - - - -	16.
Blake, Mr. - - - -	8. 9. 14.
Boland, Mr. - - - -	15. 16.
Bond, Mr. - - - -	11.
Boscawen, Mr. Griffith - -	15. 16.
Bousfield, Mr. - - - -	15.
Bowles, Col. - - - -	11. 19.
Bowles, Mr. Gibson - -	9.
Brigg, Mr. - - - -	15.
Broadhurst, Mr. - - -	5. 16.
Brunner, Sir John - - -	15. 16. 17.
Brymer, Mr. - - - -	10.
Buchanan, Mr. - - -	9. 17.
Bull, Mr. - - - -	15.
Burns, Mr. - - - -	2. 16.
Butcher, Mr. - - - -	15.
Buxton, Mr. Sydney - -	14.
C.	
Caldwell, Mr. - - - -	15.
Campbell, Mr. J. H. M. -	16.
Campbell, Mr. John - -	2.
Campbell-Bannerman, Sir H. -	8.
Carson, Sir E. H. - - -	15.
Carvill, Mr. P. G. - - -	12.
Causton, Mr. - - - -	15.
Cavendish, Mr. V. - - -	9. 16.
Cawley, Mr. - - - -	16.
Cayzer, Sir Charles - -	16.
Cecil, Mr. Evelyn - - -	3.
Cecil, Lord Hugh - - -	15.
Chamberlain, Mr. Austen -	16.
Channing, Mr. - - -	15. 16.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Committees on which each Member was appointed.
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. (*See* Chamberlain, Mr. Austen.)	—
Churchill, Mr. Winston	15.
Clancy, Mr.	4. 11. 15. 16.
Cochrane, Mr.	15. 16.
Coghill, Mr.	15.
Cohen, Mr.	9. 16.
Collings, Mr. Jesse	16.
Colomb, Sir John	4. 16.
Colston, Mr.	15.
Condon, Mr.	16.
Corbett, Mr. Cameron	9. 16.
Corbett, Mr.	16.
Craig, Mr. Charles	4. 16.
Craig, Mr. Hunter	16.
Crean, Mr.	3. 16.
Cremer, Mr.	5. 16.
Cripps, Mr.	7. 15. 16.
Crombie, Mr.	2. 12. 16.
Cross, Mr. Alexander	16.
Cullinan, Mr. J.	16.
D.	
Dalrymple, Sir Charles	10.
Dalziel, Mr.	5. 15.
Davies, Sir Horatio	5.
Davies, Mr. Vaughan	7.
Denny, Col.	15.
Devlin, Mr. Charles	3.
Devlin, Mr. Joseph	4. 16.
Dickson, Mr. C. S.	15. 16.
Digby, Mr. Wingfield	2.
Dilke, Sir Charles	15. 16.
Dillon, Mr.	15.
Dimsdale, Sir Joseph	15. 16.
Disraeli, Mr.	15.
Dixon-Hartland, Sir F.	16.
Donelan, Captain	16.
Doogan, Mr.	16.
Dorington, Sir John	14.
Douglas, Mr. Akers	15.
Douglas, Mr.	4.
Doxford, Sir Theodore	3.
Duke, Mr.	4.
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin	15.
Dyke, Sir W. Hart	8. 14.
E.	
Egerton, Mr. de Tatton	11. 15.
Ellice, Captain	18.
Elliott, Mr.	15.
Ellis, Mr. John Edward	1. 7. 8. 16. 17.
Emmott, Mr.	15.
Esmonde, Sir Thomas	1. 9. 15. 16. 17.
Evans, Mr. Samuel	15.
F.	
Faber, Mr. Edmund	16.
Faber, Mr. George	15.
Fardell, Sir George	15. 16.
Farquharson, Dr.	14. 18.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Committees on which each Member was appointed.
Farrell, Mr.	16.
Fenwick, Mr.	14.
Ferguson, Mr. Munro-	3.
Fergusson, Sir James	1. 15. 16.
Field, Mr.	16. 18.
Finlay, Sir R. B.	8. 15. 16.
Firbank, Sir J. T.	5.
Fisher, Mr. Hayes	15. 16.
Fitzmaurice, Lord Edmond	1. 15.
Flannery, Sir Fortescue	15. 16
Flynn, Mr.	15. 16
Foster, Sir Michael	13. 15.
Foster, Sir Walter	15. 16.
Fowler, Sir Henry	16.
Fuller, Mr.	16.
G.	
Galloway, Mr.	15. 16. 19.
Garfit, Mr.	16.
Goddard, Mr.	9.
Godson, Sir Frederick	15.
Gordon, Mr. J.	16.
Gordon, Major Evans	15.
Gore, Mr. G. Ormsby	5. 15.
Gore, Mr.	16.
Gorst, Sir John	15.
Goulding, Mr.	4. 15. 16.
Grant, Mr.	15.
Gray, Mr.	16. 18.
Greene, Mr. H. D.	12. 15.
Griffith, Mr. Ellis	15.
Guest, Mr.	15.
Gurdon, Sir W. Brampton	9. 15. 16.
H.	
Haldane, Mr.	15.
Halsey, Mr.	8. 14. 17.
Hardy, Mr. Laurence	1. 15.
Hare, Mr.	16.
Harris, Mr. Leverton	3. 19.
Harwood, Mr.	15.
Haslett, Sir James	4. 16.
Hay, Mr. Claude	15. 16.
Hayden, Mr.	16.
Hayter, Sir Arthur	9.
Healy, Mr. T. M.	15.
Heath, Mr. James	15.
Helder, Mr.	15.
Helme, Mr.	16.
Hemphill, Mr.	4. 15.
Henderson, Mr. Arthur	13. 15.
Hickman, Sir Alfred	16.
Hoare, Sir Samuel	11. 16.
Hobhouse, Mr. Charles	13.
Hobhouse, Mr. Henry	7. 11. 15
Holland, Sir W.	11. 16.
Houldsworth, Sir W.	16.
Hoult, Mr.	16.
Hudson, Mr.	5. 16.
Humphreys-Owen, Mr.	17.
Hutchinson, Dr.	13. 18.
Hutton, Mr.	15. 16

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Committees on which each Member was appointed.
J.	
Jacoby, Mr.	5. 17.
Jeffreys, Mr.	2. 7.
Jessel, Captain	18.
Johnson, Mr. John	3. 15. 16.
Johnstone, Mr. Heywood	2. 12. 16.
Joicey, Sir James	15. 16.
Jones, Mr. Brynmor	7. 12. 15.
Jones, Mr. William	2.
Jordan, Mr.	15. 16.
Joyce, Mr.	15.
K.	
Kearley, Mr.	11. 15.
Kennaway, Sir J. H.	11.
Kenyon-Slaney, Col.	10.
Kerr, Mr.	16.
Kilbride, Mr.	16. 18.
Kimber, Mr.	11.
Knowles, Sir Lees	15.
L.	
Lambert, Mr.	16.
Langley, Mr.	15.
Law, Mr. Bonar	3. 15. 16. 19.
Law, Mr. Hugh	15. 16.
Lawrence, Mr. W. F.	15. 16.
Lawson, Mr. Grant	18.
Leamy, Edmund	16.
Lee, Mr.	4.
Lees, Sir Elliott	16.
Leese, Sir Joseph	15.
Legge, Colonel	15.
Leigh, Sir E. Chandos (*Referee*)	12.
Levy, Mr.	19.
Lewis, Mr. Herbert	9. 10.
Lloyd-George, Mr.	16.
Lockwood, Colonel	5. 16. 19.
Loder, Mr.	15. 19.
Long, Colonel	16.
Long, Mr. Walter	16.
Lonsdale, Mr.	5. 16.
Lough, Mr.	4. 19.
Lowe, Mr.	15.
Lowther, Mr. James	17.
Lowther, Mr. J. W.	12.
Loyd, Mr. A. K.	2. 11. 15. 18.
Lucas, Mr. Reginald	16.
Lundon, W.	16.
Lyell, Mr.	13.
M.	
Macdona, Mr.	15.
MacDonnell, Dr.	5. 16.
MacIver, Mr.	15.
Macnamara, Dr.	16.
MacNeill, Mr. Swift	15.
M‘Arthur, Mr. Charles	3. 15. 16.
M‘Crae, Mr.	15.
M‘Hugh, Mr.	16.
M‘Iver, Sir Lewis	11.
M‘Kenna, Mr.	3. 14.
McKillop, Mr. William	4. 16.
Malcolm, Mr. Ian	5. 13. 15.
Massey-Mainwaring, Mr.	15.
Mather, Sir W.	16.
Maxwell, Sir Herbert	15.
Maxwell, Mr. W. J. H.	4. 16.
Meysey-Thompson, Sir H.	10.
Middlemore, Mr.	15.
Mitchell, Mr.	16.
Montagu, Mr. G.	6 16.
Moon, Mr.	15.
Moore, Mr.	15. 16.
Morgan, Mr. David	3.
Morgan, Mr. Lloyd	15.
Morley, Mr. Charles	10.
Morpeth, Viscount	13.
Morton, Mr. A.	15.
Moss, Mr.	15.
Mount, Mr.	13. 15.
Mowbray, Sir Rorbert	9. 15.
Murray, Mr. Charles	15.
Murray, Mr. Graham	4.
N.	
Nannetti, Mr.	16. 19.
Newdegate, Mr.	15.
Nicholson, Mr.	2.
Nolan, Mr. Joseph	16.
Norman, Mr.	15.
Norton, Captain	15. 16. 19.
O.	
O'Connor, Mr. T. P.	10. 16.
O'Doherty, Mr.	16.
O'Mara, Mr.	16.
O'Neill, Mr.	16.
O'Shaughnessy, Mr.	16.
O'Shee, Mr.	16.
P.	
Parker, Sir Gilbert	15.
Parkes, Mr.	16.
Parrott, Mr.	16.
Paulton, Mr.	12.
Pease, Mr. Pike	16.
Peel, Mr. W.	15. 19.
Philipps, Mr.	10.
Pierpoint, Mr.	5. 13.
Pilkington, Colonel	16.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp	15. 16.
Power, Mr.	5.
Price, Mr.	18.
Pryce-Jones, Colonel	15.
Pym, Mr.	9.
R.	
Randles, Mr.	4.
Rankin, Sir J.	16. 17.
Rea, Mr. Russell	11.
Redmond, Mr. John	16.
Redmond, Mr. William	5. 7. 17
Reid, Sir R.	15. 16.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Committees on which each Member was appointed.
Remnant, Mr.	15.
Renshaw, Sir C.	16.
Renwick, Mr.	15.
Rickett, Mr.	11.
Ridley, Mr. M. W.	15. 19.
Ridley, Mr. Forde	15.
Roberts, Mr. Bryn	15.
Roberts, Mr. Herbert	16.
Roberts, Mr. Samuel	15.
Robertson, Mr. Edmund	16.
Robertson, Mr. Herbert	15. 16.
Rollit, Sir A. K.	3. 15. 16.
Round, Mr.	6. 16.
Runciman, Mr.	3. 15. 16.
Russell, Mr. T. W.	15. 16.
Rutherford, Mr.	15.
S.	
Sackville, Colonel Stopford	16. 17.
Samuel, Sir Harry	5. 15. 19.
Samuel, Mr. Herbert	6. 16.
Samuel, Mr. Stuart	15.
Sandys, Colonel	15.
Schwann, Mr.	15.
Seely, Major	15.
Seton-Karr, Sir Henry	15. 16.
Shackleton, Mr.	15. 16.
Shaw, Mr. Thomas	15. 16.
Sheehan, Mr.	16. 19.
Shipman, Dr.	15.
Simeon, Sir Barrington	16.
Sloan, Mr.	16.
Smith, Mr. Parker	7. 12. 15.
Soames, Mr.	15.
Soares, Mr.	15.
Solicitor-General, Mr. (*See* Carson, Sir E. H.)	—
Solicitor-General for Ireland. (*See* Campbell, Mr. J. H. M.)	—
Spear, Mr.	15. 16. 18.
Stevenson, Mr.	15.
Stewart, Sir Mark	14. 17. 18.
Stirling-Maxwell, Sir J.	13. 18.
Stone, Sir Benjamin	15.
Strachey, Sir Edward	11. 16. 18.
Stroyan, Mr.	16.
T.	
Talbot, Mr.	16.
Taylor, Mr. Austin	15. 18.
Taylor, Mr. Theodore	15. 16.
Tennant, Mr.	13. 16.
Thomas, Mr. Freeman	2.
Thompson, Dr.	16.
Thomson, Mr. Whitley	16.
Thornton, Mr.	15. 16.
Tollemache, Mr.	10.
Tomkinson, Mr.	16.
Tomlinson, Sir W.	16.
Toulmin, Mr.	15.
Trevelyan, Mr.	15.
Tuff, Mr.	15.
Tuke, Sir John	13.
Tully, Mr.	16.
U.	
Ure, Mr.	15. 16. 19.
V.	
Vincent, Sir Howard	15. 16.
W.	
Wallace, Mr. Robert	15.
Walrond, Sir William	16.
Wason, Mr. Eugene	7.
Wharton, Mr.	14.
Whiteley, Mr. George	16.
Whitley, Mr. J. H.	16.
Whitmore, Mr.	17.
Williams, Mr. Osmond	16.
Williams, Colonel	16.
Willoughby de Eresby, Lord	10. 16.
Wilson, Mr. F. W.	2.
Wilson, Mr. H. J.	10.
Wilson, Mr. John (*Durham*)	16.
Wodehouse, Mr.	14. 17.
Wolff, Mr.	3. 16.
Woodhouse, Sir James	3. 15. 16.
Worsley-Taylor, Mr. H. W.	7. 12.
Wortley, Mr. Stuart	1. 16.
Wrightson, Sir Thomas	19.
Wyndham, Mr. George	16.
Wyndham-Quin, Colonel	7.
Y.	
Yerburgh, Mr.	9.
Young, Mr.	16.
Yoxall, Mr.	16.

RETURN of the Number of SELECT COMMITTEES appointed in the Session of 1904, including the STANDING COMMITTEES and the COURT OF REFEREES; the Subjects of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to Serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee Met, and the Number of Days each Member Attended: the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who Moved for such Select Committee; also, the Total Number of MEMBERS who Served on SELECT COMMITTEES (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.198 of Session 1903.)

Note.—*For Return relating to Select Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, for the consideration of Bills referred to them,* see *under Return "Private Bills."*

SESSION 1904.

Subjects of Inquiry, and Names of the Members who Moved for each Committee.	Names of Members appointed to Serve on each Committee, and the Chairman of each.	Number of Days each Member attended.	Number of Days each Committee met.	Total Expense of Attendance of Witnesses.	REMARKS.
1.				£ s. d.	
Chairmen's Panel -	- - - - - - - -	–	3	Nil.	
Nominated by the Committee by Selection, 11th February.	Ellis, Mr. John - - -	2	–		
	Esmonde, Sir Thomas -	2			
	Fergusson, Sir James - -	3			
	Fitzmaurice, Lord Edmond -	1			
	Hardy, Mr. Laurence - -	1			
	Wortley, Mr. Stuart - -	2			
2.					
Commons - - -	- - - - - - - -	–	2	Nil.	
Nominated, 8th March.	Jeffreys, Mr. (Chairman) -	2			
	Campbell, Mr. John - -	0			
	Crombie, Mr. - - - -	1			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Johnstone, Mr. Heywood -	2			
	Jones, Mr. William - -	0			
	Loyd, Mr. - - - - -	1			
	Thomas, Mr. Freeman -	1			
	Added by the Committee of Selection—				
	Bagot, Captain - - -	0			
	Burns, Mr. John - - -	1			
	Digby, Mr. Wingfield - -	2			
	Nicholson, Mr. - - -	2			
	Wilson, Mr. F. W. - -	1			
3.					
Foreign Ships (Application of Statutory Requirements)	- - - - - - - -	–	10	45 19 –	
	Cecil, Mr. Evelyn - -	8			
	Crean, Mr. - - - -	4			
	Devlin, Mr. Charles -	2			
Nominated, 8th June.	Doxford, Sir Theodore -	6			
	Ferguson, Mr. Munro - -	9			
	Harris, Mr. Leverton - -	5			
Moved for by Mr. Gerald Balfour.	Johnson, Mr. John - -	4			
	Law, Mr. Bonar - - -	10			
	M'Arthur, Mr. Charles -	9			

Subject of Inquiry and Names of the Members who moved for each Committee.	Names of Members appointed to Serve on each Committee and the Chairman of each.	Number of Days each Member attended	Number of Days each Committee met.	Total Expense of Attendance of Witnesses.	REMARKS.
3.				£ s. d.	
Foreign Ships, &c.—*cont.*	M'Kenna, Mr.	3			
	Morgan, Mr. David	4			
	Rollit, Sir Albert	7			
	Runciman, Mr.	5			
	Wolff, Mr.	5			
	Woodhouse, Sir James	5			
4.					
Irish Valuation Acts		–	2	Nil.	
Nominated, 8th March.	Murray, Mr. Graham (Chairman).	2			
	Clancy, Mr.	2			
	Colomb, Sir John	2			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Craig, Mr.	2			
	Devlin, Mr. Joseph	1			
	Douglas, Mr.	1			
	Duke, Mr.	0			
	Goulding, Mr.	2			
	Haslett, Sir James	1			
	Hemphill, Mr.	1			
	Lee, Mr.	2			
	Lough, Mr.	2			
	M'Killop, Mr. William	1			
	Maxwell, Mr. W. J. H.	1			
	Randles, Mr.	2			
5.					
Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).		–	17	Nil.	
	Lockwood, Colonel (Chairman).	10			
	Bailey, Mr. James	9			
	Broadhurst, Mr.	10			
Nominated, 22nd February.	Cremer, Mr.	9			
	Dalziel, Mr.	2			
	Davies, Sir Horatio	0			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Firbank, Sir Thomas	6			
	Hudson, Mr.	12			
	Jacoby, Mr.	17			
	Lonsdale, Mr.	3			
	MacDonnell, Dr.	2			
	Malcolm, Mr.	8			
	Ormsby-Gore, Mr. George	7			
	Pierpoint, Mr.	4			
	Power, Mr.	8			
	Redmond, Mr. William	4			
	Samuel, Sir Harry	12			
6.					
Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill (Joint Committee).		–	1	Nil.	The Earl of Camperdown (Chairman).
	Montagu, Mr. George	1			
	Round, Mr. James	1			
	Samuel, Mr. Herbert	1			
Nominated, 28th June.					Order confirmed, 5 July.
Moved for by Mr. Kerr.					

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7.				£ s. d.	
Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) Bill.	- - - - - - -	–	10	71 10 –	
	Cripps, Mr. - - - -	9			
	Davies, Mr. Vaughan - -	10			
	Ellis, Mr. John - - -	7			
Nominated, 26th April.	Hobhouse, Mr. Henry -	7			
	Jeffreys, Mr. - - -	10			
	Jones, Mr. Brynmor - -	8			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Redmond, Mr. William -	1			
	Smith, Mr. Parker - -	4			
	Wason, Mr. Eugene - -	9			
	Worsley-Taylor, Mr. - -	9			
	Wyndham-Quin, Colonel -	6			
8.					
Privileges - - -	- - - - - - -			Nil.	
	Attorney-General, Mr. -				
Nominated, 23rd June.	Balfour, Mr. - - - -				
	Blake, Mr. - - - - -				
	Campbell-Bannerman, Sir Henry.				
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Dyke, Sir William Hart -				
	Ellis, Mr. John Edward -				
	Halsey, Mr. - - -				
9.					
Public Accounts - -	- - - - - - -	–	17	Nil.	
Sessional Committee.	Hayter, Sir Arthur (Chairman).	14			
	Banbury, Sir Frederick -	15			
Nominated, 8th March.	Blake, Mr. - - - - -	5			
	Bowles, Mr. Gibson - -	11			
	Buchanan, Mr. - - -	15			
	Cavendish, Mr. Victor -	17			
	Cohen, Mr. - - - -	16			
	Corbett, Mr. Cameron- -	5			
	Esmonde, Sir Thomas -	2			
	Goddard, Mr. - - -	15			
	Gurdon, Sir William Brampton.	16			Acted three times as Chairman.
	Lewis, Mr. Herbert - -	7			
	Mowbray, Sir Robert - -	16			
	Pym, Mr. - - - -	13			
	Yerburgh, Mr. - - -	12			
10.					
Public Petitions - -	- - - - - - -	–	10	Nil.	
	Darymple, Sir Charles (Chairman).	9			
Nominated, 15th February.	Allsopp, Mr. - - -	6			
	Barry, Mr. Edward - -	0			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Bhownaggree, Sir Mancherjee.	9			
	Brymer, Mr. - - -	3			
	Kenyon-Slaney, Colonel -	3			
	Lewis, Mr. Herbert - -	0			
	Meysey-Thompson, Sir Henry.	2			Acted once as Chairman.
	Morley, Mr. Charles - -	2			
	O'Connor, Mr. T. P. - -	0			
	Philipps, Mr. - - -	2			
	Tollemache, Mr. - - -	6			
	Willoughby de Eresby, Lord	3			
	Wilson, Mr. Henry Joseph -	3			

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11.				£ s. d.	
Railway and Canal Bills, General Committee on.		–	1	Nil.	
	Ashton, Mr.	1			
	Bond, Mr.	0			
	Bowles, Colonel	0			
Sessional Committee.	Clancy, Mr.	1			
	Egerton, Mr. Tatton	0			
	Hoare, Sir Samuel	0			
Nominated, 11th February.	Hobhouse, Mr. Henry	1			
	Holland, Sir W.	1			
	Kearley, Mr.	0			
	Kennaway, Sir John	1			
	Kimber, Mr.	1			
	Loyd, Mr. A. K.	0			
	M'Iver, Sir Lewis	0			
	Rea, Mr. Russell	1			
	Rickett, Mr. Compton	1			
	Strachey, Sir Edward	1			
12.					
Referees, Court of		–	11	Nil.	
	Lowther, Mr. J. W. (Chairman).	4			
	Carvill, Mr.	3			
	Crombie, Mr.	1			
	Greene, Mr. H. D.	10			Acted once as Chairman.
	Johnstone, Mr. Heywood	2			
	Jones, Mr. Brynmor	9			
	Leigh, Sir E. Chandos	11			
	Paulton, Mr.	8			
	Smith, Mr. Parker	7			Acted 6 times as Chairman
	Worsley-Taylor, Mr.	1			
13.					
Registration of Nurses		–	7	Nil.	
Nominated, 24th June.	Tennant, Mr. (Chairman)	7			
	Ambrose, Dr. Robert	2			
	Bagot, Major	6			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Foster, Sir Michael	0			Discharged 14 July.
	Henderson, Mr. Arthur	4			
	Hobhouse, Mr. Charles	5			Added 5 July.
	Hutchinson, Dr.	3			Added 14 July.
	Lyell, Mr.	0			Discharged 5 July.
	Malcolm, Mr.	0			Discharged 5 July.
	Morpeth, Viscount	6			
	Mount, Mr.	7			Added 5 July.
	Pierpoint, Mr.	7			
	Stirling-Maxwell, Sir John	7			
	Tuke, Sir John	5			
14.					
Committee of Selection		–	17	Nil.	
Nominated, 8th February.	Mr. Halsey (Chairman)	15			
	Blake, Mr.	12			
	Buxton, Mr. Sydney	11			
Moved for by Mr. Halsey.	Dorington, Sir John	9			
	Hart-Dyke, Sir William	5			
	Farquharson, Dr.	13			
	Fenwick, Mr.	10			
	M'Kenna, Mr.	6			
	Stewart, Sir Mark M'Taggart	13			
	Wharton, Mr.	6			
	Wodehouse, Mr.	13			Acted twice as Chairman.

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15.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Law, etc.	- - - - - - -	–	16	Nil.	
Nominated, 23rd February.	Fergusson, Sir James } Chairmen.	7			
	Fitzmaurice, Lord Edmond } Chairmen.	6			
	Hardy, Mr. Lawrence } Chairmen.	3			
	Advocate, The Lord - -	14			
	Agg-Gardner, Mr. - -	10			
	Akers-Douglas, Mr. Secretary.	7			
	Asquith, Mr. - - -	1			
	Atherley-Jones, Mr. - -	7			
	Atkinson, Mr. - - -	2			
	Attorney-General, Mr. -	8			Added 12 May; discharged 7 July.
	Bailey, Mr. James - -	7			Added 21 June; discharged 7 July.
	Barran, Mr. - - -	11			
	Bartley, Sir George - -	0			
	Bhownaggree, Sir M. - -	2			Added 29 June; discharged 7 July.
	Boland, Mr. - - -	5			
	Butcher, Mr. - - -	1			
	Cecil, Lord Hugh - -	2			
	Clancy, Mr. - - -	2			
	Coghill, Mr. - - -	3			
	Colston, Mr. - - -	2			
	Cripps, Mr. - - -	0			
	Dalziel, Mr. - - -	5			
	Dilke, Sir Charles - -	7			
	Dillon, Mr. - - -	0			
	Egerton, Mr. Tatton - -	9			
	Elliot, Mr. Arthur - -	2			
	Evans, Mr. Samuel - -	0			
	Faber, Mr. George - -	1			
	Fardell, Sir George - -	1			
	Flynn, Mr. - - -	1			
	Godson, Sir Frederick -	2			
	Goulding, Mr. - - -	8			
	Greene, Mr. Henry David -	11			
	Haldane, Mr. - - -	0			
	Harwood, Mr. - - -	9			
	Hay, Mr. Claude - -	5			Added 17 June; discharged 14 July.
	Healy, Mr. T. M. - -	0			
	Heath, Mr. James - -	9			
	Helder, Mr. - - -	2			
	Hemphill, Mr. - - -	14			
	Hobhouse, Mr. Henry - -	0			
	Hutton, Mr. John - -	9			
	Jacoby, Mr. - - -	0			
	Jones, Mr. Brynmor - -	7			
	Jordan, Mr. - - -	8			
	Joyce, Mr. - -	3			Added 24 June; discharged 7 July.
	Knowles, Sir Lees - -	1			
	Law, Mr. H. - - -	4			Added 24 June; discharged 7 July.
	Lawrence, Mr. William F. -	11			
	Leese, Sir Joseph - -	9			
	Legge, Colonel - - -	14			
	Lloyd, Morgan, Mr. - -	4			

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15.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Law, &c.—*continued.*	Loder, Mr.	7			
	Loyd, Mr.	4			
	Macdona, Mr.	9			
	MacNeill, Mr. Swift	0			
	Middlemore, Mr.	9			
	Moon, Mr.	5			Added 17 June; discharged 7 July.
	Moore, Mr. William	0			
	Morton, Mr. Arthur	5			
	Norton, Captain	7			
	Ormesby-Gore, Mr. G.	1			
	Peel, Mr. W.	7			Added 17 June; discharged 7 July.
	Powell, Sir Francis Sharp	15			
	Pryce-Jones, Colonel	1			
	Reid, Sir Robert	1			
	Remnant, Mr.	5			
	Ridley, Mr. Matthew White	0			
	Roberts, Mr. Bryn	5			
	Roberts, Mr. Samuel	7			
	Russell, Mr. T. W.	6			Added 21 June; discharged 7 July.
	Rutherford, Mr.	4			Added 21 June; discharged 7 July.
	Samuel, Sir Harry	6			Added 20 June discharged 7 July.
	Seely, Major	7			Added 14 June; discharged 7 July.
	Shaw, Mr. Thomas	2			Added 21 June; discharged 7 July.
	Shipman, Dr.	2			Added 29 June; discharged July.
	Smith, Mr. Parker	5			
	Soames, Mr.	5			
	Soares, Mr.	2			
	Solicitor-General, Mr.	1			
	Stevenson, Mr.	0			
	Stone, Sir Benjamin	1			
	Taylor, Mr. Theodore	6			Added 21 June; discharged 7 July.
	Thornton, Mr.	12			
	Ure, Mr.	2			
	Vincent, Sir Howard	7			
	Wallace, Mr. Robert	4			
	Woodhouse, Sir James	8			
	Added in respect of the Musical Copyright Bill (15)	–	6		
	Banbury, Sir Frederick	0			
	Brigg, Mr.	5			
	Caldwell, Mr.	6			
	Channing, Mr.	2			
	Cochrane, Mr.	4			

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15.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Law, &c.—*cont.*	Dalziel, Mr.	1			
	Disraeli, Mr.	2			
	Galloway, Mr.	2			
	Grant, Mr.	2			
	Law, Mr. Hugh	0			
	Malcolm, Mr.	6			
	Maxwell, Sir Herbert	2			
	Moss, Mr.	0			
	Mount, Mr.	5			
	Parker, Sir Gilbert	2			
	Added in respect of the Hall - Marking of Foreign Plate Bill. (15)	–	1		
	Bathurst, Mr.	1			
	Bull, Mr.	1			
	Caldwell, Mr.	1			
	Denny, Colonel	0			
	Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin	1			
	Esmonde, Sir Thomas	0			
	Henderson, Mr.	1			
	Joicey, Sir James	0			
	Langley, Mr.	1			
	Law, Mr. Bonar	1			
	Lowe, Mr.	1			
	Massey-Mainwaring, Mr.	1			
	Murray, Mr. Charles	1			
	Norman, Mr.	0			
	Schwann, Mr.	0			
	Added in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill (15)	-	1		
	Balfour, Mr. Gerald	0			
	Beach, Sir Michael Hicks	1			
	Bousfield, Mr	1			
	Brunner, Sir John	0			
	Dimsdale, Sir Joseph	0			
	Flannery, Sir Fortescue	0			
	Foster, Sir Michael	0			
	Foster, Sir Walter	0			
	Kearley, Mr.	0			
	M'Crae, Mr.	0			
	Robertson, Mr. Herbert	0			
	Rollit, Sir Albert	1			
	Samuel, Mr. Stuart	0			
	Spear, Mr.	1			
	Toulmin, Mr.	1			
	Added in respect of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (15)	-	1		
	Balfour, Mr.	0			
	Boscawen, Mr. Griffith	1			
	Causton, Mr.	1			

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15.				£ *s.* *d.*	
Standing Committee on Law &c.—*cont.*	Emmott, Mr.	1			
	Gorst, Sir John	1			
	Griffith, Mr. Ellis	0			
	Gurdon, Sir William	0			
	Law, Mr. Hugh	1			
	Lowe, Mr.	1			
	M'Arthur, Mr. Charles	0			
	Mowbray, Sir Robert	1			
	Newdegate, Mr.	1			
	Sandys, Colonel	1			
	Taylor, Mr. Austin	1			
	Tuff, Mr.	1			
	Added in respect of the Aliens Bill - (15)	-	7		
	Churchill, Mr. Winston	7			
	Fisher, Mr. Hayes	7			
	Gordon, Major Evans	7			
	Guest, Mr.	7			
	Johnson, Mr. John	3			
	MacIver, Mr. David	4			
	Norman, Mr.	1			
	Renwick, Mr.	5			
	Ridley, Mr. Forde	7			
	Robertson, Mr. Herbert	7			
	Runciman, Mr.	7			
	Samuel, Mr. Stuart	7			
	Seton-Karr, Sir Henry	3			
	Shackleton, Mr.	1			
	Trevelyan, Mr.	7			
16.					
Standing Committee on Trade, &c.		–	10	Nil	
Nominated, 23rd February	Ellis, Mr. John Edward. Chairmen.	6			
	Fergusson, Sir James.	3			
	Wortley, Mr. Stuart	1			
	Advocate, The Lord	1			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	Attorney-General, Mr.	2			
	Attorney-General for Ireland (Mr. Atkinson).	3			Added 19 July; discharged 27 July.
	Baird, Mr.	3			Discharged 14 June; added 27 July.
	Baldwin, Mr.	3			
	Balfour, Captain	2			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	Balfour, Mr. Gerald	1			
	Beckett, Mr.	0			
	Bingham, Lord	0			Added 15 July; discharged 27 July.

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16.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Trade, &c.—*cont.*	Boland, Mr.	4			
	Boscawen, Mr. Griffith-	1			
	Burns, Mr. John	1			
	Cavendish, Mr. Victor	2			Added 19 April; discharged 3 May.
	Cawley, Mr.	4			
	Cayzer, Sir Charles	2			
	Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr.	1			Discharged 19 July; added 27 July.
	Channing, Mr.	0			
	Clancy, Mr.	3			Added 12 July; discharged 27 July.
	Cochrane, Mr.	4			Discharged 19 July; added 27 July.
	Cohen, Mr.	5			
	Collings, Mr. Jesse	2			
	Colomb, Sir John	6			
	Condon, Mr.	3			Added 19 July; discharged 27 July.
	Craig, Mr. Hunter	4			Added 26 April; discharged 13 July.
	Cremer, Mr.	2			Discharged 19 July; added 27 July.
	Crombie, Mr.	1			
	Dixon-Hartland, Sir Frederick	5			
	Doogan, Mr.	6			
	Farrell, Mr.	3			Added 19 July; discharged 27 July.
	Flannery, Sir J. Fortescue	0			
	Fowler, Sir Henry	0			
	Galloway, Mr.	4			
	Garfit, Mr.	1			Discharged 14 June; added 21 June.
	Gordon, Mr. John	2			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	Goulding, Mr.	1			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	Hare, Mr.	2			Added 12 May; discharged 14 June.
	Haslett, Sir James	1			Added 19 July; discharged 27 July.
	Hickman, Sir Alfred	4			
	Houldsworth, Sir William	4			
	Hoult, Mr.	3			Added 15 July; discharged 27 July.
	Joicey, Sir James	0			

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16.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Trade, &c.—*continued.*	Lambert, Mr.	1			Discharged 19 July; added 27 July.
	Law, Mr. Bonar	4			
	Lees, Sir Elliott	2			Discharged 15 July; added 27 July.
	Lloyd-George, Mr.	0			
	Long, Colonel	4			
	Long, Mr. Walter	0			
	Lundon, Mr.	2			Added 12 July; discharged 27 July.
	M'Arthur, Mr. Charles	7			
	M'Hugh, Mr.	3			Added 12 July; discharged 27 July.
	M'Killop, Mr. William	1			Discharged 12 July; added 27 July
	MacDonnell, Dr.	0			
	Mather, Sir William	0			
	Maxwell, Mr. William	1			
	Mitchell, Mr.	3			Added 13 July; discharged 27 July.
	Montagu, Mr. George	1			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	Nolan, Mr. Joseph	3			Added 12 July; discharged 27 July.
	O'Connor, Mr. T. P.	0			
	O'Mara, Mr.	1			Discharged 15 July.
	O'Neill, Mr.	2			Added 14 June; discharged 21 June.
	O'Shee, Mr.	3			Added 12 July; discharged 27 July.
	Ormsby-Gore, Mr.	2			Added 13 July; discharged 27 July.
	Parkes, Mr.	0			
	Pease, Mr. Pike	4			
	Pilkington, Colonel	2			
	Rankin, Sir James	2			
	Redmond, Mr. John	3			Added 15 July; discharged 27 July.
	Renshaw, Sir Charles	2			Discharged 14 June; added 21 June.
	Roberts, Mr. Herbert	0			
	Rollit, Sir Albert	8			
	Round, Mr.	5			
	Runciman, Mr.	1			
	Russell, Mr. T. W.	8			
	Seton-Karr, Sir Henry	1			
	Shackleton, Mr.	8			
	Shaw, Mr. Thomas	1			

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16.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Law, &c.—*continued.*	Simeon, Sir Barrington	1			Discharged 19 April; added 27 July.
	Strachey, Sir Edward	3			
	Talbot, Mr.	2			
	Taylor, Mr. Theodore	2			
	Tennant, Mr.	2			
	Thomson, Mr. Whitley	4			
	Tomlinson, Sir William	7			
	Tully, Mr.	3			
	Walrond, Sir William	6			
	Whiteley, Mr. George	0			
	Williams, Colonel	8			
	Willoughby de Eresby, Lord	2			
	Wilson, Mr. John (*Durham*)	6			
	Wolff, Mr.	3			Discharged 19 July; added 27 July.
	Wyndham. Mr.	3			Added 19 July; discharged 27 July.
	Young, Mr.	2			
	Added in respect of the Railways (Private Sidings) Bill - (15)	–	1		
	Banbury, Sir Frederick	1			
	Bell, Mr.	0			
	Black, Mr.	1			
	Brunner, Sir John	1			
	Cripps, Mr.	0			
	Cross, Mr. Alexander	1			
	Dinsdale, Sir Joseph	0			
	Field, Mr.	1			
	Kerr, Mr.	0			
	Lockwood, Colonel	1			
	Lucas, Mr. Reginald	0			
	Parrott, Mr.	0			
	Stroyan, Mr.	1			
	Ure, Mr.	1			
	Williams, Mr. Osmond	1			
	Added in respect of the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill - (15)	–	2		
	Banbury, Sir Frederick	1			
	Bartley, Sir George	0			
	Broadhurst, Mr.	0			
	Faber, Mr. Edmund	1			
	Fardell, Sir George	0			
	Fisher, Mr. Hayes	0			
	Gurdon, Sir Brampton	2			
	Haslett, Sir James	1			
	Hoare, Sir Samuel	0			
	Holland, Sir William	0			
	Johnson, Mr. John	0			
	Lawrence, Mr. William	0			
	O'Shaughnessy, Mr.	0			

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16.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Trade, &c.—*continued.*	Woodhouse, Sir James	1			
	Yoxall, Mr.	2			
	Added in respect of the Police (Superannuation) Bill - (15)	—	1		
	Ainsworth, Mr.	1			
	Bagot, Captain	1			
	Bayley, Mr. Thomas	0			
	Fuller, Mr.	0			
	Hay, Mr.	1			
	Helme, Mr.	1			
	Hudson, Mr.	1			
	Hutton, Mr. John	1			
	Johnstone, Mr. Heywood	1			
	Reid, Sir Robert	0			
	Robertson, Mr. Edmund	0			
	Sackville, Colonel Stopford	1			
	Spear, Mr.	0			
	Tomkinson, Mr.	1			
	Vincent, Sir Howard	1			
	Added in Respect of the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Bill - (15)	– 1	1		
	Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr.				
	Crean, Mr.	0			
	Esmonde, Sir Thomas	0			
	Flynn, Mr.	0			
	Gordon, Mr. John	0			
	Haslett, Sir James	0			
	Jordan, Mr.	1			Added 11 May.
	Law, Mr. Hugh	0			
	Leamy, Mr.	1			
	Lockwood, Colonel	0			
	Lonsdale, Mr.	1			
	Moore, Mr.	1			
	Nannetti, Mr.	1			
	O'Neill, Mr.	1			
	Redmond, Mr. John	0			Added 10 May, discharged 11 May.
	Solicitor-General for Ireland, Mr.	0			
	Added in Respect of the Shop Hours Bill - (15)	–	2		
	Abraham, Mr. William (*Rhondda*)	0			
	Banbury, Sir Frederick	2			
	Corbett, Mr. Cameron	1			
	Dilke, Sir Charles	2			
	Foster, Sir Walter	0			
	Gray, Mr. Ernest	1			
	Lawrence Mr. William	1			

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16.				£ s. d.	
Standing Committee on Trade, &c.—*continued.*	Lord Advocate, The	2			
	Macnamara, Dr.	0			
	Norton, Captain	2			
	Powell, Sir Francis Sharp	2			
	Robertson, Mr. Herbert	2			
	Samuel, Mr. Herbert	2			
	Thornton, Mr.	2			
	Whitley, Mr.	2			
	Added in Respect of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill (15)		3		
	Corbett, Mr.	3			
	Craig, Mr. Charles.	3			
	Cullinan, Mr.	3			
	Devlin, Mr. Joseph	3			
	Donelan, Captain	3			
	Hayden, Mr.	3			
	Kilbride, Mr.	3			
	Lonsdale, Mr.	3			
	Moore, Mr.	2			
	O'Doherty, Mr.	2			
	O'Neill, Mr.	3			
	O'Shaughnessy, Mr.	3			
	Sheehan, Mr.	3			
	Sloan, Mr.	3			
	Thompson, Mr.	3			
17.					
Standing Orders.		–	12	Nil.	
Nominated, 8th Feb.	Brunner, Sir John	4			
	Buchanan, Mr.	7			
Moved for by Mr. Halsey.	Ellis, Mr. John Edward	11			Acted once as Chairman.
	Esmonde, Sir Thomas	2			
	Halsey, Mr.	11			
	Humphreys-Owen, Mr.	6			
	Lowther, Mr James	1			
	Rankin, Sir James	7			
	Redmond, Mr. William	2			
	Sackville, Colonel Stopford	10			
	Stewart, Sir Mark M'Taggart	10			
	Whitmore, Mr.	8			
	Wodehouse, Mr.	10			
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Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill.		–	9	96 12 5	
Nominated 8th June.	Grant-Lawson, Mr. (Chairman).	9			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Barran, Mr.	2			Discharged 27 June.
	Ellice, Captain	6			
	Farquharson, Dr.	8			Added 27 June.
	Field, Mr.	7			

Subject of Inquiry, and Names of the Members who Moved for each Committee.	Names of Members appointed to Serve on each Committee and the Chairman of each.	Number of Days each Member attended.	Number of Days each Committee met.	Total Expense of Attendance of Witnesses.	REMARKS.
18.				£ s. d.	
Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill—*continued.*	Gray, Mr. Ernest	8			
	Hutchinson, Dr.	9			
	Jessel, Captain	6			
	Kilbride, Mr.	5			
	Loyd, Mr. A. K.	7			
	Price, Mr.	6			
	Spear, Mr.	8			
	Stirling-Maxwell, Sir John	8			
	Strachey, Sir Edward	6			
	Stewart, Sir Mark	9			
	Taylor, Mr. Austin	7			
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Workmen's Trains	- - - - - -	—	11	8 10 4	
Nominated 14th Apr.	Bowles, Colonel (Chairman)	11			
	Galloway, Mr.	10			
Moved for by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.	Harris, Mr. Leverton	5			
	Law, Mr. Bonar	0			Discharged 14 June.
	Levy, Mr.	7			
	Lockwood, Colonel	6			
	Loder, Mr. Gerald	10			Added 14 June.
	Lough, Mr.	10			
	Nannetti, Mr.	6			
	Norton, Captain	11			
	Peel, Mr.	5			
	Ridley, Mr. Matthew	2			
	Samuel, Sir Harry	8			
	Sheehan, Mr.	5			
	Ure, Mr.	7			
	Wrightson, Sir Thomas	7			

	Number.
Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees - - - -	349

House of Commons,
August 1904.

REGINALD DICKINSON,
Principal Clerk of Committees.

THE

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(AUTHORISED EDITION)

IN THE

FIFTH SESSION OF THE *TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT* OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF *GREAT BRITAIN* AND *IRELAND*, IN THE
FOURTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

TWELFTH VOLUME OF SESSION.

An Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a Speech indicates revision by the Member.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Wednesday, 10th August, 1904.

PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill; Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill. Returned from the Commons with the Amendments agreed to.

Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) Bill [H.L.]. Returned from the Commons agreed to.

Education (Local Authority Default) Bill. Brought from the Commons and read 1^a; to be printed; and to be read 2^a To-morrow (The Lord President [*E. Vane* (*M. Londonderry*)]). (No. 189.)

House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock, till To-morrow, half-past Three o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 10th August, 1904.

The House met at Two of the Clock.

THE CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill; Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill. Lords Amendments considered, and agreed to.

Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill. Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [9th August] as relates to the Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill be now considered.—(*The Deputy-Chairman.*)

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis): On the second paragraph may I take it that it will be understood that this is not to be a permanent Standing Order of the House, but simply an Order to take this Bill over from this session to next session?

Mr. SPEAKER: I think that is the inevitable consequence of the terms of the Motion. It is to carry over a particular Bill from one session to the next.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES: I only desire to make that clear.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill, which has been introduced into this House in the present session of Parliament and which has passed this House and been sent to the House of Lords, shall have leave to introduce the same in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present session.

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present session.

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be *pro forma* only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages.

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present session.—(*The Deputy-Chairman.*)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(*The Deputy-Chairman.*)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill. Lords Amendments considered, and agreed to.

Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]; Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Considered; to be read the third time to-morrow.

PETITIONS.

LICENSING BILL.

Petition from Beckenham, against; to lie upon the Table.

VALUATION BILL.

Petition from Bromley, for alteration; to lie upon the Table.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION).

Copy presented, of Annual Report of Proceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1899, the Mechandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1894, and other Acts for the year 1903 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

POST OFFICE (EAST INDIA, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA MAILS).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 4th August; *Mr. Victor Cavendish*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 328.]

IRISH LAND COMMISSION (PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891).

Copy presented, of Return of Advances under the Act during the year ended 31st March, 1904 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 329.]

CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOLS (IRELAND).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 16th June; *Mr. Sloan*]; to lie upon the Table.

INEBRIATES ACT, 1898.

Copy presented, of Regulation made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department respecting the photographing of Inmates of Certified Inebriate Reformatories [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 330.]

GAS AND WATER ORDERS.

Copy presented, of Report by the Board of Trade of their proceedings under The Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, during the Session of 1904 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

GAS UNDERTAKINGS.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 10th May; *Mr. Gerald Balfour*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 331.]

GAS UNDERTAKINGS (LOCAL AUTHORITIES).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 10th May; *Mr. Gerald Balfour*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 332.]

TRADE REPORTS (ANNUAL SERIES).

Copy presented, of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3251 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

Charitable Endowments (London). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 2nd August, 1894; *Mr. Francis Stevenson*]; to be printed. [No. 333.]

Charitable Endowments (London). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 2nd August, 1894; *Mr. Francis Stevenson*]; to be printed. [No. 334.]

Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 8th August, 1898; *Mr. Grant Lawson*]; to be printed. [No. 335.]

Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 2nd August, 1898; *Mr. Grant Lawson*]; to be printed. [No. 336.]

Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 2nd August, 1898; *Mr. Grant Lawson*]; to be printed. [No. 337.]

Inquiry into Charities (Administative County of Durham), Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough), Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough). Further Return and Returns relative thereto, Vol. I. [ordered 14th February, 1900, and 9th February, 1904; *Mr. Grant Lawson* and *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*]; to be printed. [No. 338.]

Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham), Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough), Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough). Further Return and Returns relative thereto, Vol. II. [ordered 14th February, 1900, and 9th February, 1904; *Mr. Grant Lawson* and *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*; to be printed. [No. 339.]

INQUIRY INTO CHARITIES (COUNTY BOROUGH OF OLDHAM).

Return ordered, "comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an inquiry held in the county borough of Oldham into endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that county borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; and (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such endowments are recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners in the county borough; and (3) an Index alphabetically arranged of names and places mentioned in the Reports."—(*Mr. Griffith Boscawen.*)

POLITICAL OFFICERS (PENSIONS).

Return ordered, "of names of all Pensioners under the Political Officers' Pensions Act, 1869, with the amount of each pension, together with the date from which, and the services for which, it was granted; and the total amount paid in respect of each pension to each pensioner up to the 31st day of March, 1904."—(*Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence.*)

PRISONS OFFICERS (ACCOMMODATION).

Address for "Return of the number of Prison Officers and Staff of all ranks in the several prisons in England and Wales, and of the extent to which provision of quarters for the occupation of such Officers is at present made by His Majesty's Government at or in connection with each of the said prisons."—(*Mr. Claude Hay.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CIRCULATED WITH THE VOTES.

Small Motor-propelled Vessels for the Navy.

MR. NORMAN (Wolverhampton, S.): To ask the Secretary to the Admiralty whether, in view of the proofs recently afforded of the trustworthiness, speed, simplicity, and comparatively low cost of small vessels propelled by petrol motors, he will consider the advisability of testing this class of vessel in His Majesty's Navy.

(*Answered by Mr. Pretyman.*) The recent trials have been closely watched by representatives of the Admiralty, and practice tests will shortly be made with motor pinnaces.

Graduated Income-Tax in Foreign Countries.

MR. HERBERT SAMUEL (Yorkshire, Cleveland): To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the Foreign Office will present to this House a statement showing which foreign countries have established systems of graduated income-tax, or of income-tax levied at different rates on earned and on unearned incomes, or both, with particulars in each case of the rates of tax and the system of assessment and collection.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) The Secretary of State will endeavour to obtain the desired information with a view to its presentation.

Naval Works at Dover—Expenditure.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary to the Admiralty what is the total expenditure on the naval works at Dover up to the present date; whether it is still expected that they will be completed in three years; and what is the present estimate of the expenditure in the next financial year and the year after, as compared with that of £335,174 in the present financial year.

(*Answered by Mr. Pretyman*)—

Expenditure to 31st March, 1903 - - - -	£1,470,826
Estimated expenditure to August, 1904 - -	622,878
Total -	2,093,704

The expenditure for the two years 1905–1906 and 1906–1907 is estimated at about £800,000, or about £400,000 average for each year as compared with £335,174. The contract date of completion is 1907–1908, or three years from end of present financial year 1904–1905, by which date it is anticipated the works will be practically completed.

London and North Western Railway and Holyhead.

MR. ELLIS GRIFFITH (Anglesey): To ask the President of the Board of Trade whether, in view of the fact that the Government are at the present time negotiating with the London and North Western Railway Company, with a view of extending the existing accommodation of the company in the Holyhead Harbour, he will take measures to safeguard the interests of the town of Holyhead against any encroachment of the rights now enjoyed by the inhabitants; whether he will state what progress has been made with such negotiations; and when they are likely to be complete.

(*Answered by Mr. Gerald Balfour.*) The hon. Member will no doubt recollect that in answer to a Question he put on 21st February, 1901,† I informed him that the negotiations with the London and North Western had been abandoned. The Board of Trade have not resumed negotiations with the company for an extension of their accommodation in Holyhead Harbour.

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† See (4) *Debates*, lxxxix., 686.

Draft Regulations for Loading, Unloading, and Discharging Ships.

SIR FORTESCUE FLANNERY (Yorkshire, Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he is aware that the draft Home Office regulations in connection with the loading, unloading, and discharging ships as advertised differ substantially from the draft regulations finally submitted to the Commission; and, if so, whether, having regard to the nature of the proposals and to the fact that the public at large, particularly shipowners, are not acquainted with the new proposals, he will agree not to enforce the regulations until Members have had the opportunity of considering them and, if necessary, debating them.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) I think my hon. friend is under some misapprehension as to what has happened in connection with the inquiry which has been held in regard to the draft regulations for docks. The facts are as follows: At the close of the Home Office case it was suggested by the counsel representing the great majority of the objectors to the regulations that the inquiry would probably be shortened if, before the case for the objectors was opened, a conference were to take place between them and the Home Office for the purpose of discussing the points at issue. This suggestion was agreed to on behalf of the Home Office, and several conferences were held, with the result that a settlement was finally arrived at with the majority of the objectors on practically all points. This settlement was embodied in a print which was handed to the Commissioner and also to those of the objectors who had declined to take part in the conference. The latter, however, after consideration, declined to accept the settlement, and accordingly laid their case in full before the Commissioner. The Commissioner has now the whole matter under consideration, and will, I understand, shortly present his Report. It will be seen that before I proceed on that Report to make the regulations all parties will have been fully heard; and, as I stated in reply to a Question on the same subject the other day,† I do not propose to postpone the date when the regulations will come into operation.

Cultivation of Chicory in Great Britain—Adjustment of Excise and Customs Duties.

MR. BUTCHER (York): To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention has been called to the recent Report made to the Board of Agriculture on the cultivation and drying of chicory in Great Britain and Belgium, showing that chicory, at one time largely grown in this country, especially in the districts adjoining the city of York, has almost ceased to be grown, and that this result is largely due to the incidence of the Excise duty on home-grown chicory as compared with the Customs duty on the foreign-grown article, constituting a disadvantage estimated at 28s. 4d. per ton; and whether he will take steps so to re-adjust the Excise and Customs duties on chicory as to place home-grown chicory in at least as good a position as the foreign-grown product.

(*Answered by Mr. Austen Chamberlain.*) My attention has been directed to the Report referred to by the hon. Member. It is quite true that home-grown chicory is at a disadvantage as compared with imported chicory, owing to the incidence of the existing Excise duty. But any alteration in the rates of duty would require legislation, which I am not prepared to introduce at this period of the session.

Income-Tax Collection—Proposed Division of Districts.

MR. ELLIS GRIFFITH: To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer whether, in view of the fact that a communication was addressed recently to surveyors of taxes suggesting the division of all districts where the collectors of income-tax cannot complete their collections before 30th April instead of 30th June as formerly, he will say whether such communication was issued with his sanction; and whether, in view of the fact that the earlier closing of such accounts would involve increased pressure and the making of a number of distraints, he will consider the advisability of postponing any action in the matter.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxix., 527.

(*Answered by Mr. Austen Chamberlain.*) No such communication has been addressed to surveyors of taxes.

The Unfunded Debt.

MR. BRIGHT (Shropshire, Oswestry): To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer what is the present amount of the Unfunded Debt; of what issues does it consist; and whether he proposes, when the money market is favourable, to fund any portion of this debt.

(*Answered by Mr. Austen Chamberlain.*) The present amount of the Unfunded Debt is £82,183,000, consisting of:—

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War Stock and Bonds - -	30,000,000
Exchequer Bonds - -	20,500,000
Treasury Bills (for Supply) - - - -	21,133,000
Treasury Bills for Ways and Means (repayable within the financial year) - -	8,000,000
Temporary Advances on the credit of Ways and Means - -	2,550,000
	£82,183,000

There is no present intention of funding any portion of this debt, but the favourable conditions which the hon. Member's Question presupposes do not now exist.

Alleged Looting by Tibet Expeditionary Force.

MR. PHILIP STANHOPE (Leicestershire, Market Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for India whether his attention has been directed to the fact that bales of loot, images of Buddha, and other objects, ostensibly pillaged from the monasteries of Tibet, have arrived at Darjeeling; and whether he will give strict injunctions to prevent any pillage of the monasteries and libraries of Lhasa by the expeditionary forces.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) I have received no information as to the arrival at Darjeeling of objects ostensibly pillaged from the monasteries of Tibet. The Government of India are fully aware of the necessity of preventing pillage, and are taking all necessary steps.

Cost of Tibet Expedition.

SIR MANCHERJEE BHOWNAGGREE (Bethnal Green, N.E.): To ask the Secretary of State for India what is the total cost of the Tibet Expedition up to the date of the latest available accounts; and what is the estimate of the further expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with it after that that date.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) I have nothing to add to the statement I made on the 28th July.† The total estimated cost of the Mission to 31st March last was £308,500; and the cost since then is estimated at a little over £50,000 a month.

Expulsion of the Bara Thakar of Hill Tipperah from Agartola.

MR. SCHWANN (Manchester, N.): To ask the Secretary of State for India whether his attention has been drawn to the case of the Bara Thakar, of Hill Tipperah, who was expelled from Agartola last month with his family immediately after having instituted a suit in a British Court of law for the declaration of his rights in respect of the Zemindary Chukla Roshnabad and other properties; and, if so, will he explain why this expulsion has been permitted, seeing that the suit of the Bara Thakar is prejudiced by his enforced absence, and that his efforts to obtain evidence may be rendered difficult by its appearing that the Government of India is against him.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii, 1464.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) I have received no information as to the alleged expulsion of the Bara Thakar, of Hill Tipperah, from Agartola. I will communicate with the Government of India on the subject.

Petition of Mr. Bruce Reynolds Wilson.

MR. SCHWANN: To ask the Secretary of State for India whether he has received the petition of Mr. Bruce Reynolds Wilson, of Sudder House, Amballa Cant., Punjaub, India; whether the Papers referred to will be laid upon the Table of the House; and what action he proposes to take to remedy the alleged grievances of that petitioner, or at any rate to have an adequate inquiry made into them.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) I have not received the petition referred to.

Head Constable Kirwan, of Newry.

MR. SLOAN (Belfast, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that Head Constable Kirwan, of Newry, has a house rented next door to the police barracks in which he keeps lodgers; and will he say if this is in accordance with police regulations.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The regulations do not deal with this matter, which, however, will receive consideration.

Procedure for the Promotion of Colonels.

SIR CARNE RASCH (Essex, Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for War whether the Promotion Board in 1899 recommended officers of the rank of colonel for promotion, from one selected list; and whether officers on this list, who held commands at home during the South African War but who lost promotion owing to Mr. Stanhope's proposal not being carried out, will have their claims considered.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) The procedure of the Promotion Board has always been to scrutinise the list of full colonels and to recommend selected names for advancement to the rank of major-general, but the list of selected names was always subject to revision from time to time by the Board. The functions of the old Promotion Board are now to be merged into those of the new Selection Board. It must be pointed out that officers who are now on the retired list can no longer be considered.

Patterson Equipment for Carrying Rifle for British Cavalry.

SIR CARNE RASCH: To ask the Secretary of State for War whether, seeing that the cavalry in India (Native) have been provided with the Patterson equipment for carrying the rifle, he will explain why the Patterson method has not been adopted at home.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) The Patterson equipment has been, and still is, under trial at home.

Volunteer Training—Recruits and Trained Men.

MR. PIRIE (Aberdeen, N.): To ask the Secretary of State for War, with reference to the Volunteer battalions who were trained in the Field Army for a fortnight during the season 1903, can he state what proportion of the Volunteers, exclusive of officers and non-commissioned officers, were respectively recruits, trained men returned efficient once, and trained men returned efficient more than once.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster*). The statistics available do not show the exact figures required by the hon. Member's Question, but the attached table, showing the number of enrolled members (including officers and non-commissioned officers) in their first, second, and later years of service of those battalions which formed part of the Field Army during the training period of 1903 and trained for a fortnight, will give information of a kindred nature which it is hoped will be sufficient—

Volunteer Battalions forming part of the Field Army, 1903.

	1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd and subsequent years.	Total.
Southern District—				
1st V.B. Hampshire Regiment . .	319	204	984	1,507
Home District—				
12th Middlesex V.R.C.	91	61	663	815
16th Middlesex V.R.C.	88	68	778	934
2nd London V.R.C.	146	125	761	1,032
2nd V.B. Middlesex Regiment . .	120	35	634	789
1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers . . .	131	143	717	991
3rd V.B. Royal Fusiliers . . .	89	111	701	901
4th V.B. Royal West Surrey Regiment	258	76	737	1,071
North-Western District—				
1st V.B. Manchester Regiment . .	186	127	833	1,146
2nd V.B. Manchester Regiment . .	206	241	907	1,354
4th V.B. Manchester Regiment . .	204	151	967	1,322
5th V.B. Manchester Regiment . .	105	121	677	903
1st V.B. South Lancashire Regiment .	254	153	576	983
2nd V.B. Cheshire Regiment . .	203	191	612	1,006
1st V.B. Royal Welsh Fusiliers . .	310	226	709	1,245
1st Hereford V.R.C.	301	127	695	1,123
Scottish District—				
Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade* . .	386	301	1,474	2,161
4th V.B. Royal Scots	259	97	552	908
5th V.B. Royal Scots	177	140	836	1,153
1st Roxburgh and Selkirk V.R.C. .	140	166	616	922
1st V.B. Highland Light Infantry .	161	105	799	1,065
3rd V.B. Highland Light Infantry .	193	78	754	1,025
1st V.B. Gordon Highlanders. . .	302	80	554	936
1st V.B. Royal Highlanders . . .	173	209	527	909
9th V.B. Royal Scots	121	88	507	716
2nd V.B. Royal Scots Fusiliers . .	201	106	534	841

Graduated Income-Tax—Systems in the Colonies.

MR. HERBERT SAMUEL: To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he will present to this House a statement showing which of the Colonies have established systems of graduated income-tax, or of income-tax levied at different rates on earned and on unearned incomes, or both, with particulars in each case of the rates of tax and the system of assessment and collection.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Lyttelton.*) If the hon. Member will move for a Return, in the form that the Treasury or the Inland Revenue think most convenient, I shall be willing to address a Circular to the Colonies on the subject so as to make the information as complete and as accurate as possible.

Petition of Church of England Council in Natal.

MR. BURDETT - COUTTS (Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether his attention has been called to a petition from the Church Council of the Church of England in the Diocese of Natal to His Majesty the King, praying His Majesty to cause an inquiry to be made into the grievances under which the Church of England body in that Colony are alleged to be suffering, as therein set forth; and whether Papers on the subject, comprising such reply as His Majesty may be advised to give the petitioners, can be laid upon the Table.

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* Figures for 1st Battalion, Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade, which alone forms part of the Field Army, cannot be given separately.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Lyttelton.*) Such a petition has reached my Department, but I am not yet in a position to tender any advice to His Majesty on the subject, and cannot at present say whether it would, in my opinion, be advantageous to lay Papers on the Table.

Officers of 4th Division of 2nd Army Corps—Double Issue of Pay.

CAPTAIN NORTON (Newington, W.): To ask the First Lord of the Treasury whether his attention has been called to the last Report of the Public Accounts Committee, in which it is stated that officers were appointed to the 4th Division of the Second Army Corps in October, 1902, although their predecessors did not complete their period of command till the 31st January, 1903, so that there was a double issue of pay and allowances between those dates; and that, when the Treasury refused to sanction this arrangement as contrary to the Pay Warrant, the then Secretary of State for War announced his intention of charging the staff pay of these officers against the moneys placed at his disposal for expenditure not covered by regulation; and whether, having regard to the opinion of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, concurred in by the Committee, as to the character of this payment, steps can be taken to prevent similar use of public funds in the future.

(*Answered by Mr. A. J. Balfour.*) This matter has been fully considered by the Public Accounts Committee. The circumstances were, undoubtedly, of an exceptional character, but the Treasury have received an assurance from the Army Council that the small fund (£5,000 a year) placed, on the recommendation of the Dawkins Committee, at the discretionary disposal of the Secretary of State, will not, in future, be used to pay any charge to which the Treasury have refused assent.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

Naval Works.

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee): I beg to ask the Civil Lord of the Admiralty whether he can give an approximate estimate of the cost of the naval works at Chatham, Rosyth, and the Coastguard stations?

*THE CIVIL LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY (Mr. ARTHUR LEE, Hampshire, Fareham): I cannot add anything to the statement made last year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in respect of the cost of the works at Chatham, Rosyth, and Coastguard stations.

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON: How much is to be spent on the Chatham Dockyard extension?

*MR. ARTHUR LEE: I think the figure was put at £4,500,000. The preliminary work at Rosyth has just been concluded, but the detailed plans relating to the works mentioned have not been finally approved.

Reduction of the Militia.

MR. REGINALD LUCAS (Portsmouth): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for War whether it is definitely decided that certain battalions of Militia must be disbanded; and, if so, whether he can promise an early statement on the subject, for the benefit of officers now serving and gentlemen hoping to serve as officers in them.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR (Mr ARNOLD-FORSTER, Belfast, W.): The detailed steps by which those portions of the Militia which are clearly unavailable for purposes of war will be reduced have not yet been decided. But I shall endeavour to give as early notice as possible to the units affected in any way by the proposed changes.

Furloughs for Troops in India.

MR. REGINALD LUCAS: I beg to ask the Secretary of State for War whether the expedient of granting long furlough to troops quartered in India, with a view to rendering long service there more popular, has been considered and rejected.

*MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER: The King's Regulations already provide for the grant of furloughs to troops quartered in India under certain conditions, but I am aware that the question of granting longer and more general furloughs has engaged much attention. I believe if it be found necessary to retain men in India for very long periods it would be well worth while to consider the question raised by my hon. friend, but my hope is that the soldiers' term of service in India will be curtailed rather than extended.

Ex-Lieutenant Witton's Release.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL (Oldham): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for War whether he can now state the intention of His Majesty's Government in respect of the convict Witton.

*MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER: His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to order that Witton be released.

Army Recruitment.

*SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for War when the new system of recruitment for two or nine years will come into force; and if recruiting for other periods of service for the Line will cease.

*MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER: I am not prepared at the present moment to fix a precise date for the commencement of the new system of recruiting. As soon as the new system comes into force the present period of three years service for the Line will cease.

MR. LOUGH (Islington, W.): Does the right hon. Gentleman consider himself at liberty to introduce this scheme before it receives the approval of Parliament?

*MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER: Legislative sanction is not necessary.

Chinese Coolies for the Transvaal.

MR. HERBERT SAMUEL (Yorkshire, Cleveland): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he will state how many Chinese coolies have so far landed in South Africa; how many are now on their way; and how many women and children have accompanied them.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES (Mr. LYTTELTON, Warwick and Leamington): I understand that 2,976 Chinese labourers have arrived in South Africa and 1,988 are on their way. Wives and families have not accompanied their husbands on the first voyage, but the names of a considerable number have been registered under the Ordinance.

Treatment of Remanded Female Prisoners at Holloway.

MR. CLAUDE HAY (Shoreditch, Hoxton): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he can now convey to the House the full report (including that of the medical officer) of the authorities concerned in the case of the women Hudson and Pratt whilst under remand in Holloway Prison.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT (Mr. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Kent, St. Augustine's): The Rule applicable to cases of this nature is as follows:—"A prisoner awaiting trial shall not be compelled to have his hair cut except on account of vermin or dirt, or when the medical officer deems it necessary on the ground of health and cleanliness, and the hair of the prisoner shall not be cut closer than may be necessary for the purpose of health and cleanliness." I have called for special reports on the particular case and find that the deputy medical officer saw the women on their reception, and had his attention called by the reception warders to the state of their hair. He found that the hair contained vermin and their ova, and decided that it could only be satisfactorily treated by cutting. He therefore ordered them to be put for the night in isolation cells provided for such cases, and gave written directions that their hair should be cut. This was done next day by a hospital warder. It appears to me that the action of the prison officials in this case was correct. I would only add that I am decidedly of opinion that remand prisoners should not be subjected to any treatment likely to be taken as a special indignity which is not strictly called for by the circumstances of the case; and I will take care that, as in this instance, the medical officer's authority shall always be obtained before such prisoners are required to have their hair cut.

MR. CLAUDE HAY: Is the right hon. Gentleman satisfied that the hair of these women was cut after the medical officer had seen it? because my information is absolutely contrary to that.

*MR. AKERS-DOUGLAS: I have made careful inquiry on that point, and I am told this was not done at the instigation of the warders, but after the medical officer had seen the women and satisfied himself of the necessity of the course.

MR. CLAUDE HAY: Will the right hon. Gentleman ascertain whether these two women were told, when they took their bath, not to wash their heads?

*MR. AKERS-DOUGLAS: From the evidence I have offered, I do not think washing would have been a sufficient remedy.

St. Katherine's Hospital, Regent's Park.

MR. CREMER (Shoreditch, Haggerston): I beg to ask the hon. Member for the Tunbridge Division of Kent, as a Charity Commissioner, whether any, and, if any, what reforms have been made in the application and administration of the endowments of St. Katherine's Hospital in the Regent's Park, or whether what the Charity Commissioner in 1893 in this House described as a scandal, still exists; whether £6,402 is annually expended upon salaries and management; £561 upon education; and £190 upon gifts; whether the master still receives a salary of £1,200; how many sermons he preaches during the year; and what are the other duties connected with his office; whether there are three brothers and three sisters, each of them receiving £300 per annum, besides being provided with a residence; what are the duties performed by the brothers and sisters; how many inquiries have at different times been instituted into this endowment, and what changes have resulted from such inquiries; and whether he will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of the reforms which Mr. Skirrow, on behalf of the Charity Commissioners, proposed several years ago, and also a statement of the income and expenditure of the hospital during the year ended 31st December last.

MR. GRIFFITH BOSCAWEN (Kent, Tunbridge): I have nothing to add to the very full statement I made in the House on discussion of the Estimates, 27th May, 1902.† If the hon. Member, however, desires to have the figures for 1903, they are open to his inspection at the office of the Charity Commission. But I may say at once that the amount expended on management, including salaries of chapter clerk and surveyor, repairs, and outgoings, is not £6,402 but £2,683. As the hon. Member is aware, the charity is administered under regulations made by the late Lord Chancellor Cairns, acting as visitor under warrant from Her late Majesty as patron, and the Charity Commissioners have no power to modify them.

MR. CREMER: When did the reduction in the expenditure take place? Is the hon. Gentleman aware that the figures contained in my statement were given me by the Charity Commissioners as showing the amount actually expended on salaries and management?

MR. GRIFFITH BOSCAWEN: I cannot say what figures were given to the hon. Member on a former occasion. I only know that the figures in his Question are not the correct figures for the present time, and that in my Answer I have given the correct ones.

Ross-shire Fishers' Petitions.

MR. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty): I beg to ask the Secretary for Scotland if he will state what action the Fishery Board for Scotland propose to take in regard to the petitions which they have received from the districts of Applecross, Plockton, Ardneaskan, Kishorn, and Lochcarron, Ross-shire, relative to daylight fishing and the use of messenger ropes.

THE LORD ADVOCATE (Mr. SCOTT DICKSON, Glasgow, Bridgton): The petitions in questions are receiving the consideration of the Fishery Board for Scotland, and are being made the subject of investigation.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cviii., 720.

Term of Office of Sir Antony MacDonnell in Ireland.

Mr. T. L. CORBETT (Down, N.): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for India at what date Sir Antony MacDonnell's term of office in Ireland expires.

The SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA (Mr. Brodrick, Surrey, Guildford): No definite period was fixed for the employment of Sir Antony MacDonnell under the Irish Government. From the point of view of the India Office, all that I can say is that it is unusual for a member of the Council of India to be absent for any prolonged period, and we shall be glad to have the advantage of his presence as soon as his services, which my right hon. friend highly values in Ireland, can be dispensed with.

Mr. T. L. CORBETT: Does Sir Antony MacDonnell in the meantime draw salary which is charged on the revenues of India.

Mr. BRODRICK: No, Sir; he draws no salary from India as long as he is Under-Secretary for Ireland.

Mr. SEYMOUR ORMSBY-GORE (Lincolnshire, Gainsborough): Am I to understand that Sir Antony MacDonnell's services are to be indefinitely transferred from India to Ireland?

Mr. BRODRICK: No, Sir, not indefinitely, but no definite period was fixed, and, so far as the India Office is concerned, his services will be valuable to India as soon as they can be dispensed with by my right hon. friend.

Mr. SLOAN (Belfast, S.): Will the right hon. Gentleman consult the Chief Secretary with a view to relieving Sir Antony MacDonnell of his position in Ireland?

Mr. BRODRICK: No, Sir.

Mr. SLOAN: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if Sir Antony MacDonnell has recommended to the Estates Commissioners for employment Mr. M'Swiney; and, if so, will he state what experience he has had of practical agricultural work.

The CHIEF SECRETARY for IRELAND (Mr. Wyndham, Dover): No, Sir.

Mr. T. L. CORBETT: Arising out of that Answer, may I ask if Mr. M'Swiney is a relative of Sir Antony?

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order! I do not see how that arises out of the Answer.

Milford (Armagh) Disturbances.

Mr. JOHN CAMPBELL (Armagh, S.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that on Sunday, the 24th July, Catholics were insulted and assaulted in the vicinity of Milford, Armagh; and that complaint was made especially to two constables (Beattie and Kemp) of Ogle Street, Armagh, who declined to interfere; and, if so, whether he will cause inquiry to be made and the assailants to be prosecuted.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The hon. Member does not appear to have seen the reply given by me on Thursday last to the Question by the hon. Baronet the Member for North Wexford.† I am informed that the two constables state that no complaints were made to them of the character referred to.

Irish National School Teacher, Roll No. 11,035, Circuit 18, Section A.

Mr. SLOAN: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will explain why the salary of national teacher of School, Roll No. 11,035, Circuit 18, Section A, has not been paid for quarter ended 31st March, 1904, seeing the Rules 200, Section (e), Sub-section (1), and 212, Sections (b) and (c), have been fulfilled; and, as there is no mention made of quarterly average, will he say why annual averages are not obtained in this case as in others.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The average attendance for the March quarter was only 8·5. The case has been dealt with in accordance with the invariable practice under Rule 212 (a).

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxix., 955.

Newry Police Force.

Mr. SLOAN: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will explain why of the thirty-five members of the Royal Irish Constabulary stationed at Newry, only nine are Protestants, the remainder being Roman Catholics; whether he is aware that the only Protestant acting sergeant who was stationed in Newry has been transferred; and that an understanding was some time ago arrived at that where a Roman Catholic was in charge of one station a Protestant would be put in charge of the other; and, if so, will he direct that this shall be carried into effect.

Mr. WYNDHAM: There are thirty-seven members of the force at Newry, of whom eleven are Protestants. The acting sergeant referred to was transferred on temporary duty. The Inspector-General arranged some time ago that on the occurrence of a vacancy in one of the two head constableships it would be filled by the appointment of a Protestant sergeant. No vacancy has yet arisen.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1903—Administration of Section 7.

Mr. VINCENT KENNEDY (Cavan, W.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if, in view of the fact that the Estates Commissioners have been impeded in the administration of Section 7 of The Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1903, he will take steps, by legislation or otherwise, to secure the satisfactory working of this section.

Mr. WYNDHAM: I stated on the 18th July, in answer to a Question by the hon. Member for South Meath,† that the Commissioners were considering what further steps, if any, they are empowered to take under the circumstances brought to notice. The Commissioners are at present consulting counsel as to the construction of Section 7.

Evicted Tenants in County Cavan.

Mr. VINCENT KENNEDY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can state or give a Return of the number and names of evicted tenants in county Cavan, and further the number of these tenants who have up to the first day of June last made application to the Estates Commissioners to be reinstated in their former holdings; and what steps are being taken with that object; also the titles of the estates with which these applications are concerned.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The number and names of evicted tenants are not officially recorded. One hundred and thirty-two such tenants in county Cavan have applied for reinstatement and their applications will be duly considered. So far, no opportunity has arisen for reinstating any of them. The names of these tenants, and the titles of the estates from which they have been evicted, will be communicated to the hon. Member.

Land Purchase in County Cavan—Rev. Mr. Slator's Estate.

Mr. VINCENT KENNEDY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the Estates Commissioners have received any application for the sale of the estate of the Rev. Mr. Slator, in the union and county of Cavan; and, if so, are they endeavouring to negotiate for the reinstatement of John M'Nally, whose farm is now in the bailiffs' hands, in connection with this application.

Mr. WYNDHAM: No application for the sale of the estate has been made. The evicted tenant's application has been received and will be considered.

Decisions of Sub-Land Commissioners at Limerick and Tipperary.

Mr. BOLAND (Kerry, S.): On behalf of the hon. Member for East Limerick, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that the Sub-Land Commissioners sat lately in Limerick and Tipperary, and gave judgments as to the fixing of fair rents, but as yet no publication of those fixtures have appeared; and, if so, will he see that the usual publication of the decisions shall be given as soon as possible.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The decisions of the Assistant Commissioners have been notified to the parties, and lists of the decisions were sent down to be placarded on the Court-house at which the cases were heard.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 274.

Evicted Tenants in Limerick—Case of Mrs. Anne Hartigan.

MR. BOLAND: On behalf of the hon. Member for East Limerick, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the Estates Commissioners have received from Mrs. Anne Hartigan, of Clorane Croom, county Limerick, any application for reinstatement to the farm from which her deceased husband, the late Timothy Hartigan, was evicted, being part of the lands of Ballynanty Bruff, county Limerick, owned by Mr. J. C. Wilmot Smith, the Hall, Boroughbridge, Yorkshire; and can he say who manages this farm for the landlord; and is he able to hold forth to Mrs. Hartigan any hope of restoration to this farm in the near future.

MR. WYNDHAM: Applications for reinstatement on this holding have been received from the widow and son of the evicted tenant. Both applications will be considered. The farm is managed by Mr. White, of Limerick.

Tralee and Dingle Railway.

MR. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory): On behalf of the hon. Member for West Kerry, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether a satisfactory agreement between the Irish Government and the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, with reference to the proposed transfer of the Tralee and Dingle Railway to that company, has yet been arrived at; and, if not, what further action he proposes to take in the matter.

MR. WYNDHAM: No satisfactory agreement has yet been arrived at. There is a difference of opinion between the Advisory Engineers of the Government and the Great Southern and Western Railway Company as to the probable cost of working the line. These differences are, I think, capable of settlement, and I will direct my attention to the matter during the recess. Should it be found impossible to arrange for this transfer by, say, December, I shall adopt an alternative plan for effecting the same object and place the necessary sum on the Development Grant Estimate.

Irish Education Return.

MR. BOLAND: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he will grant the Return relating to the Salaries and Appointments of Assistant Teachers in Ireland, standing on to-day's Notice Paper.

MR. WYNDHAM: The Return is in preparation and will be communicated to the hon. Member when completed.

Appended is the form of Return to which the Question relates:—

Education (Ireland) (Commissioners' Orders). — Return showing (1) number of Orders made by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, between the 1st day of April, 1900, and the 1st day of April, 1904, cancelling the Salaries of Assistant Teachers in National Schools owing to the average attendance being under sixty; (2) and number of such appointments that would not have been cancelled if the average attendance for an Assistant were recognised at fifty instead of sixty; (3) also, up to what date and for what period previously was an average attendance of fifty accepted by the Commissioners as sufficient to qualify a School for the services of an Assistant.

Dublin Natural History Museum Staff.

MR. BOLAND: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is now in a position to state what decision has been come to with reference to the increase of the staff in the Dublin Natural History Museum; and whether the necessary increase will be provided for in the Estimates of next year.

MR. WYNDHAM: No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

Valentia Ferry.

MR. BOLAND: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether, in view of the fact that no part of Kerry has derived any benefit under the Marine Works Act, and that the negotiations for improving the ferry at Valentia have fallen through, he will undertake, during the recess, to reopen these negotiations and to consult local opinion as to the form such improvement should take.

MR. WYNDHAM: I should be very glad if some satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at with reference to the ferry at Valentia. The Knight of Kerry has offered to provide a steam ferry, but I have received no definite reply from the railway company as to what contribution it would be willing to make towards the construction of the pier. The matter is further complicated by the question of the maintenance of the steam ferry, which is estimated to cost about £1,000 per annum, less earnings. In reply to the latter part of the Question I must refer the hon. Member to my reply to-day to the hon. Member for West Kerry.

Tralee and Fenit Harbour Board.

MR. DELANY: On behalf of the hon. Member for East Kerry, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he has received a resolution of the Kerry County Council dealing with the Tralee and Fenit Harbour Board; whether he is aware that this board is in receipt of a yearly guarantee from the ratepayers of the county, who have no representation on it; and whether, having regard to the allegations of mismanagement made, he can do anything to secure such representation in the interests of the ratepayers.

MR. WYNDHAM: Representations have been made with respect to the constitution of the Harbour Board and it has been pointed out that legislation would be necessary to effect any alteration in the constitution of that body. I may add that the Harbour Board promoted a Provisional Order in the session of 1903 which proposed to increase the number of members of the board to sixteen; three of the additional members were to be elected by the county councils and three by the Tralee Urban District Council. In consequence of objections raised by the county council, however, the application for the Provisional Order was withdrawn.

Enlargement of Holdings in County Kerry.

MR. DELANY: On behalf of the hon. Member for East Kerry, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the Congested Districts Board would be willing to give up the farms recently taken by them at Cragg and Arderone, county Kerry, if the old tenants repaid the Board the amount paid for the farms; and whether, having regard to all the circumstances, he can advise the Board to adopt this course in the interests of all concerned.

MR. WYNDHAM: The Congested Districts Board having purchased the farms for the purpose of migration and the enlargement of holdings cannot consent to dispose of them in the manner suggested. The ex-tenants being defaulting annuitants, it would be against public policy to reinstate them.

Memorial for Release of a Child from the Sligo Convent Industrial School.

MR. SLOAN: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if his attention has been called to a memorial to the Lord-Lieutenant, in the case of a child called Travers, aged seven, who was committed to the Sligo Convent Industrial School in May last without the knowledge or consent of the child's guardian, for the release of this child; and, if so, will the memorial be granted.

MR. WYNDHAM: I am informed that no such memorial has been received.

Irish Land Loans to Judicial Tenants.

MR. VINCENT KENNEDY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether in view of the fact that land loans, under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, are now limited to three times the amount of the judicial rent, and that in many cases these rents are under the amount of the Poor Law valuation which was the old standard, he will direct the necessary steps to be taken to enable the Board of Public Works in Ireland to deal adequately with these judicial tenants.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY (MR. VICTOR CAVENDISH, Derbyshire, W.): The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland are already empowered to exceed the limit referred to when special circumstances exist requiring exceptional treatment.

North of Ireland Mail Service.

MR. SLOAN: I beg to ask the Postmaster-General whether, in view of the offer of the Great Northern Railway Company, Belfast, to carry a supplemental mail bag *via* Greenore, he will consider the advisability of accepting this offer.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord STANLEY, Lancashire, Westhoughton): Although the Post Office under its contract with the Great Northern of Ireland Railway Company could claim the right to send between Belfast and Newry the supplementary mail desired by the hon. Member without special payment, it would be necessary to make a special payment for the conveyance of the bag from Newry to Holyhead, and considerable expense would be incurred for mail cart service in London. In view of the high cost of the several mail services already established between England and Belfast, I do not think that I should be justified in authorising an additional mail by the Greenore route. At the same time, if the hon. Member wishes to put forward any views I will consider them.

Fiscal Policy—Suggested Imperial Conference or Royal Commission.

SIR HOWARD VINCENT (Sheffield, Central): I beg to ask the First Lord of the Treasury if he will consider the advisability of the calling of an Imperial Conference thoroughly to examine the fiscal situation of the British Empire.

MR. CHARLES MCARTHUR (Liverpool, Exchange): I beg at the same time to ask the First Lord of the Treasury if he will consider the advisability of instituting an inquiry by Royal Commission, or other suitable tribunal, upon which Colonial representatives may be placed, as to the fiscal or other measures which may be needful to enable the United Kingdom and the Colonies to co-operate for the defence of Imperial trade and for the promotion of freer trade within the Empire.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY (MR. A. J. BALFOUR, Manchester, E.): The House is aware that twice in the course of the last few years, both times in the term of office of my right hon. friend the late Colonial Secretary, there has been a conference in this country representing the self-governing Colonies, in my opinion one of the greatest additions to the machinery of Empire ever made. I hope that these conferences will be frequently repeated, but I do not propose to take any steps at the present moment on the subject.

SIR HOWARD VINCENT: Will my right hon. friend bear the question in mind?

MR. CHARLES MCARTHUR: May I direct the attention of the First Lord to the fact that my Question refers to a Royal Commission.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: It is true that the Questions of my hon. friends are different, but both of them relate to some mode in which we can discuss with our Colonies subjects of common interest to both; and that is really the essential point.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. BRYCE (Aberdeen, S.): Can the right hon. Gentleman say when he proposes to take the Lords Amendments to the Licensing Bill, and when the Committee stage and Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill?

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: The Lords Amendments to the Licensing Bill are on the Paper, but I cannot say at present when I shall be able to take them. When the House arrives at this period of the session it is impossible to give the degree of notice I am always glad to give, and which it is the practice to give, at an earlier and less crowded portion of the session. I hope to take the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill to-morrow and the Committee stage on Friday.

Mr. BRYCE: And the Third Reading?

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: I am at present not sure about the Third Reading.

Mr. BRYCE: May I be permitted to point out that, though it is difficult to give notice at this time of the session, it is particularly important it should be given in this case, because hon. Members are now making arrangements for leaving London.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis): What business does the right hon. Gentleman propose to take after Supply is completed?

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: This evening I propose to take the Report of the Navy and Army Expenditure, 1902–3, Resolution, Report of Ways and Means, and the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES: The right hon. Gentleman has said nothing about the Anglo-French Convention Resolution.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: For general reason I should be glad to see passed the Committee stage of the Anglo-French Convention (Expenses) Resolution and the Committee stage of the Anglo-French Convention Bill.

Mr. BLAKE (Longford, S.): What about the Committee stage of the Irish Land Bill?

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: It is unlikely that the Land Bill will be taken to-night.

Mr. LOUGH asked whether, considering the difficulty in which the Opposition was placed in desiring to assist the Government in getting absolutely necessary business through, the Bishoprics Bill could not be postponed.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: I believe that is necessary business.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (SUPPLY).

Ordered, That on this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Midnight.—(*Mr. A. J. Balfour.*)

SUPPLY [23rd Allotted Day]—[9th August, Evening Sitting].

Resolutions reported.

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

1. "That a sum, not exceeding £2,615,509, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service."

Class I.

2. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,088,788, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

	£
2. Osborne (including a Supplementary sum of £5,450) - - -	10,550
3. Royal Parks and Pleasure Grounds - -	69,100
5. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain -	40,700
6. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - -	26,300
7. Diplomatic and Consular Buildings - - -	38,000
9. Public Buildings, Great Britain - - -	290,900
10. Surveys of the United Kingdom - - -	120,409
12. Peterhead Harbour -	22,000
13. Rates on Government Property - - -	332,277
14. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland - -	110,737
15. Railways, Ireland - -	27,815
	£1,088,788"

Class II.

3. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,263,014, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

	£
1. House of Lords Offices -	9,868
2. House of Commons Offices	21,060

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3. Treasury and Subordinate Offices - - -	54,639
4. Home Office - - -	104,094
5. Foreign Office - -	35,771
6. Colonial Office - -	27,750
7. Privy Council Office -	5,680
9. Mercantile Marine Services	69,251
10. Bankruptcy Department of Board of Trade -	9
11. Board of Agriculture and Fisheries - - -	54,337
12. Charity Commission -	14,633
13. Civil Service Commission	25,110
14. Exchequer and Audit Department - - -	39,054
15. Friendly Societies Registry	4,881
16. Local Government Board	142,089
18. Mint, including Coinage -	63
19. National Debt Office -	7,439
20. Public Record Office -	14,965
21. Public Works Loan Commission - - -	7
22. Registrar-General's Office	22,146
23. Stationery and Printing -	404,362
24. Woods, Forests, etc., Office of - - -	13,171
25. Works and Public Buildings Office - -	39,649
26. Secret Service - -	25,000
Scotland.	
27. Secretary for Scotland's Office - - -	10,495
28. Fishery Board - -	10,155
29. Lunacy Commission -	3,423
30. Registrar-General's Office	2,732
Ireland.	
32. Lord-Lieutenant's Household - - - -	2,826
33. Chief Secretary for Ireland, Offices - - -	14,371
35. Charitable Donations and Bequests Office (including a Supplementary sum of £130) - -	1,148
36. Local Government Board	37,886
37. Public Record Office, Ireland - - - -	3,254
38. Public Works Office -	21,773
39. Registrar-General's Office	6,716
40. Valuation and Boundary Survey - - -	13,207

£1,263,014"

CLASS III.

4. "That a sum, not exceeding £2,016,511, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Law Charges - - -	35,232
2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - - -	22,199
3. Supreme Court of Judicature - - -	177,515
4. Land Registry - -	28,827
5. County Courts - -	23,000
6. Police, England and Wales - - -	25,854
7. Prisons, England and the Colonies - - -	375,762
8. Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain - - -	113,957
9. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - -	21,701
Scotland.	
10. Law Charges and Courts of Law - - - -	54,148
11. Register House, Edinburgh - - - -	27,678
12. Crofters' Commission -	2,590
13. Prisons - - - -	50,570
Ireland.	
14. Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions - -	33,416
15. Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments - -	57,718
17. County Court Officers, etc.	66,584
18. Dublin Metropolitan Police	37,961
19. Royal Irish Constabulary	739,608
20. Prisons - - - -	65,476
21. Reformatory and Industrial Schools - -	53,000
22. Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - -	3,715

£2,016,511"

CLASS IV.

5. "That a sum, not exceeding £7,110,267, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Board of Education - -	5,238,437
2. British Museum - -	90,171

	£
3. National Gallery	7,065
4. National Portrait Gallery	2,682
5. Wallace Collection	3,539
6. Scientific Investigation, etc., United Kingdom	24,407
7. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales	103,200
8. Public Education, Scotland	1,003,724
Ireland.	
10. Public Education	633,625
11. Endowed Schools Commissioners	535
12. National Gallery	582
13. Queen's Colleges	2,300
	£7,110,267 "

Class V.

6. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,130,288, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Diplomatic and Consular Services	303,067
2. British Protectorates in Uganda, etc.	420,700
3. Colonial Services	305,421
4. Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable	52,100
5. Treasury Chest Fund	49,000
	£1,130,288 "

Class VI.

7. "That a sum, not exceeding £341,246, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances	339,729
2. Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions	600
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances	617
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland	300
	£341,246 "

Class VII.

8. "That a sum, not exceeding £63,497, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. :—

	£
1. Temporary Commissions	25,000
2. Miscellaneous Expenses	5,098
3. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund	5,642
4. St. Louis Exhibition, 1904	10,000
5. Ireland Development Grant	1,000
6. Repayment to Civil Contingencies Fund	16,757
	£63,497 "

NAVY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

9. "That a sum, not exceeding £1,690,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz. :—

	£
5. Educational Services	154,000
12. Admiralty Office	327,400
14. Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances	1,208,800
	£1,690,200 "

ARMY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

10. "That a sum, not exceeding £15,984,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), viz. :—

	£
2. Medical Establishment, Pay, etc.	484,000

	£
3. Militia: Pay, Bounty, etc. - - - -	817,000
4. Imperial Yeomanry: Pay and Allowances - -	468,000
5. Volunteer Corps, Pay and Allowances - -	1,220,000
6. Transports and Remounts	1,519,000
7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - -	4,582,000
8. Clothing Establishments and Services - -	1,156,000
10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs: Cost, including Staff for Engineer Services - - - -	1,918,000
11. Establishments for Military Education - -	146,000
12. Miscellaneous Effective Services - - -	73,000
14. Non-effective Charges for Officers, etc. - -	1,666,000
15. Non-effective Charges for Men, etc. - - -	1,676,000
16. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Compassionate Allowances, and Gratuities - -	189,000
Army (Ordnance Factories) - - -	70,000
	£15,984,000 "

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS ESTIMATES, 1904-5.

11. " That a sum, not exceeding £536,420, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, for Expenditure in respect of the following Service included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

	£
Post Office Packet Service	536,420 "

Resolutions read a second time.

First Four Resolutions postponed.

Fifth Resolution.

Motion made, and Question proposed, " That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."

MR. CRIPPS (Lancashire, Stretford) said he wished to call attention to one or two points connected with the subject of denominational religious teaching. Recent Minutes issued by the Board of Education differed in tone from those circulated prior to the Education Act of 1902, and indicated that the Department had adopted a policy which made denominational teaching almost impossible. He felt strongly that if denominational teaching were to be given at all—and Parliament had decided that it should be—then it should be given in no grudging spirit but in the best possible manner, so as to avoid that friction which was one of the worst blots on our educational system. His points related to the time and place at which religious education could be given. Under the Act of 1902 the Board of Education had power to see that reasonable facilities were given for religious education, but in many cases the local authorities, who had power to fix the time at which secular instruction should be given, had drawn up time-tables which denied such facilities. Supposing a school met at nine o'clock, and secular instruction were required to begin at a quarter past nine, it was clear that in the intervening fifteen minutes, during which the register had to be marked and other administrative details to be dealt with, it was utterly impossible that there could be any reasonable facilities for denominational instruction. There could be no doubt that the Board of Education had ample powers to deal with that point, and he wished the Department not to wait until friction had arisen, but to lay down a general principle upon which they would act, in order to endure that the principles of the Act of 1902 should be carried out. He desired that similar facilities should be given to all denominations; in fact, he could not see how any one who approved of denominational teaching could have any other desire.

MR. LLOYD - GEORGE (Carnarvon Boroughs): Do I understand the hon. Member to suggest that if a local authority gave facilities for religious instruction from, say, a quarter past eleven till twelve o'clock, or from a quarter past three till four o'clock, that would not be reasonable?

MR. CRIPPS said he thought that would be reasonable. The religious instruction ought to be given either at the beginning or the end, and he considered the best course was that which had been generally followed, of giving three-quarters of an hour at the beginning of the day. What he wanted to ensure was that, whenever the time was given, it should be given ungrudgingly, and in such a way that disputes should not arise between school managers and the local authority. In regard to the place at which the religious education should be given, he said deliberately that the Board of Education had recently placed difficulties in the way of school managers, Nonconformist or Anglican, as the case might be, taking children to church or chapel, if the parents of the children assented to that course. The Education Act of 1870 provided that any religious instruction might be given "in the school or elsewhere," and from that time, until an Answer was given by the representative of the Board of Education to a Question in that House, no difficulty had arisen. In 1871 the Committee of Council on Education in their Report stated that—

> "A time-table may be approved which provides for the attendance at church on specified days of those whose parents do not object."

In 1899 the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Cambridge University, who was then Vice-President of the Committee on Education, stated in that House that—

> "The practice of occasionally taking scholars to places of religious worship during the time set apart for religious instruction has never been objected to by the Committee of Council, and is, in their opinion, legal."

But since the passing of the Act of 1902, the Board of Education had taken a new departure which, if persisted in, would take away the very privileges which those who believed in denominational education thought to have been preserved by that Act. In May last, the present Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, answering a Question on the subject asked by the hon. Member for the Abercromby Division of Liverpool, said his reply must depend upon the construction to be placed on Section 7, Sub-section I, of the Act of 1870. But that section was the conscience clause, and had no bearing on the question of taking children to church or chapel with the assent and at the desire of their parents. The representative of the Education Department went on to say that the section mentioned allowed a parent to withdraw his child from school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the parent belonged, but attendance at such observance did not appear to be equivalent to attendance at school, and it followed that the managers of a public elementary school had no right to take the school children to church during school hours. No one suggested that they had, except with the assent of the parents, and if that assent were given the conscience clause did not enter into the question. The hon. baronet added, in the same reply, that religious teaching given in a church could not be part of the instruction provided by the public elementary schools. During the many years in which compulsory education had been given in this country the Department had always allowed religious teaching in that form and had never before taken exception to it. He had received many hundreds of letters upon this subject, and he replied to a request from the secretary of the Church Schools Emergency League for his views in the following terms—

> "I have looked into Section 7 (1) of the Education Act, 1870.
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> "It really has nothing to do with the question of so great importance, which you raise, as to the right of managers to continue a practice in religious teaching which has prevailed for so many years.
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> "The question to which you call my attention has been carefully framed, and so is the answer.
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> "There is no right to take children to church if the parents object, but you are not seeking to set up any such right.
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> "There is no power to require the teacher to conduct children to church if he objects, but this is not done in my experience, and his attendance is voluntary.
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> "There is no legal objection whatever to the practice of taking children to church, as has been done in the past, and the only difficulty would arise from the local education authorities fixing the school hours for secular teaching at an inconvenient time. On this point the Anglicans should insist on the same treatment as is given to Roman Catholics or Jews, and I can see no answer to the justice of this claim."

After that the Board of Education raised an entirely new point. They said that the difficulty arose from a by-law which provided that there must be attendance at school throughout school hours. By-laws were sanctioned by and could be altered at the instance of the Board of Education. This particular by-law had existed up to 1902, and it had never been suggested that it stood in the way of taking children to church when parents desired it. If the by-law went beyond the Act of 1870, it was *ultra vires*. Did the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education think that, if it were legal under the Act to give religious teaching in churches, the Board of Education were justified in sanctioning a by-law which made religious teaching impossible? No one else had heretofore put any other meaning upon the words of the Act of 1870 than that which he had stated, and the Act of 1902 was passed with that understanding in mind. He did not say that it was a breach of trust, but it was very like misleading the House to permit the Act of 1902 to pass on the basis of that interpretation, and after it had been passed to give a new interpretation and to bring an absolutely new policy into being. Last July a circular, signed by Mr. Morant, the Secretary of the Board of Education, was issued, in which, referring to this particular point, he said—

> "The responsibility which, perhaps, hitherto has not been fully realised."

meaning that the Board of Education had not hitherto taken a right attitude upon this question, and that he differed from all his predecessors concerning the subject. How was the important question of denominational education to be dealt with if conflicting decisions were given by the Board of Education? One could scarcely complain of friction arising, or of the attitude of certain hon. Members on the Opposition Benches. In fact, he admired those Members, because he thought they were more consistent than the Anglicans had been in this matter. The Anglicans had not been strong enough or straightforward enough; they had spoken in a spirit of apology when they should have made a demand for justice. In July, 1903, the Rev. Mr. Piper, of the Prickwillow Baptist Chapel in the Isle of Ely, wrote to the Board of Education, asking if the Nonconformist children in the parish could be taken to his chapel for religious instruction, the vicar being willing to assent to this arrangement if it were legally allowable; and the Department replied that the proposal had their fullest sympathy, and they trusted that it would be possible to carry it into effect. Did that imply that every denomination was to have power to take its own children to church or chapel for religious instruction except the denomination which had provided its own schools? He protested strongly against the recent attitude of the Board of Education as regards denominational teaching. Anglicans ought to take a more decided stand, to insist upon justice, and to maintain their rights. Then, he hoped, friction concerning religious teaching would pass away.

MR. HAROLD RECKITT (Lincolnshire, Brigg) complained of the Board of Education having decided to sanction the establishment of a new Church of England school at Barton-upon-Humber, providing accommodation for 150 children, whereas there was in the town a preponderance of Nonconformists, and consequently a greater demand for a provided school. The Lincolnshire County Council first raised the matter by saying that it was prepared to provide a school in the Waterside area, but after inquiry they accepted the offer of a Church school for 150 places. The Board of Education held a public inquiry, the report of which contained several passages of considerable interest from the general point of view of education. The population of Waterside was almost entirely working class, and there was a considerable amount of controversy. He gathered from the report that a school for 150 children would meet immediate requirements if the existing schools were continued on the eight square feet basis. But he contended that in a town such as Barton, which was of considerable size, it was not a proper policy to supply merely the immediate deficiency, and he submitted that the Board of Education should take the opportunity of putting both the existing schools on a proper footing, viz., a ten square feet basis in the mixed schools, and a nine square feet basis in the infant school. That, he argued, would be true economy, not only in respect of the rates of Barton, but also of the county. Then they should have one school for at least 300 or 350 children, a fact which was recognised by the Board of Education's own Commissioner, who said that a school of 400 places was required. He considered the Board of Education, in sanctioning the establishment of this school as a mere stop-gap, had taken an improper action, because two years hence he believed there would have to be a further inquiry into the necessity for additional accommodation; and he thought, if the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education knew this part of his constituency, he would be the last to suggest that they should have further controversy about the question.

Pointing out that the Act of 1902 provided no machinery for ascertaining the wishes of the parents in any particular area, the local authority not even being entitled to take a poll of the ratepayers at the expense of the rates, he submitted that the only method was that of taking evidence at a public inquiry, which, he declared, was a return to the old and objectionable open voting system. He urged that the Board of Education should draw up some regulations as to the method and means of ascertaining the wishes of the parents as to whether there should be a provided or a voluntary school. At the time of the last inquiry, a church census was taken in Barton, showing that, morning and evening services together, there were 871 Church of England and 1,751 Nonconformist worshippers, proving that the Nonconformists were in the proportion of about two to one. Under the circumstances, he thought this evidence might be accepted that Barton was preponderatingly Nonconformist. Yet it had been determined that another Church school was to be established in this town. He wanted to point out that if they took figures, there was an overwhelming preponderance of Nonconformists. If they took the figures in respect to attendance at the Sunday schools in the Waterside area, there was a preponderance of Nonconformists. In the Barton district the Church of England had 594 Sunday-school scholars and the Nonconformists 779.

SIR GEORGE BARTLEY (Islington, N.): Are the Nonconformist schools full?

MR. HAROLD RECKITT said they were not full, and there were twenty vacant places due to the difference in the ages of the children. There was a predominance of Nonconformists in that district, and yet it had been determined to put a stop-gap school—a Church of England school—in that town where a demand for a provided school had been made by a majority of the citizens. Last year two local elections had been fought there upon these two matters. The county council election resulted in a gentleman favourable to a provided school being returned, for the first time defeating the Conservative in the Barton area, and for the urban district council, out of six places, five were filled by those favourable to provided schools. These facts should have some weight with the Board of Education; but they had nevertheless determined to provide at once a Church school with 150 places, simply from the point of view of saving the local rate for the time being. This would only be a mere stop-gap, and the new school would have to be provided within two years. He thought the proper course for the Education Department to have pursued would have been not to sanction that school in the Waterside area, because they wanted a school for at least 300 or 400 children. Even now the hon. Baronet might put pressure on the Lancashire County Council. He was only too ready to put pressure on other county councils, but when it came to a question of dealing out fairness to Nonconformists in Lincolnshire, he was backward in applying this pressure, unless it was in favour of the Church of England. He thought the hon. Gentleman the Member for Oxford University would have served the interests of denominationalism better by erecting a provided school which would have provided for Church of England, Wesleyan, and undenominational education. That would have met the wishes of all classes of parents in that area, and he regretted that the hon. Baronet had not seen his way to do that.

SIR JOHN GORST (Cambridge University) said he was afraid it was rather late in the session to discuss small local matters like that which the hon. Member opposite had raised. He wished the House to revert to the speech of the hon. and learned Member for the Stretford Division, with which he desired to express his concurrence. He had no special competence to speak upon the legality of this question, but the answer which he gave in 1899 was not his opinion, but the official opinion of the Board of Education arrived at by the Duke of Devonshire on the advice of his permanent advisers. That opinion was in accordance with the practice which had existed in the schools since the Act of 1870, and long anterior to that date. The practice was recognised in the words of the statute which were "in school and elsewhere." Those words evidently referred to the well-known practice of taking the children to other places for religious instruction. He would like the hon. Baronet to answer the arguments which had been put forward by his hon. and learned friend. If the practice was legal he ventured to say that the prohibition of this practice by the Board of Education was extremely impolitic. The policy of the Board of Education had always been to keep clear of these religious disputes. There was no occasion for the Board of Education to mix itself up in religious matters, but he was afraid that they were ambitious, not only in regard to teaching the local authorities how to administer the Act, but also in teaching religious bodies how they should teach religion. It would be much better if the Board of Education entirely abolished that plan, they should leave the religious bodies of the country to teach religion in their own way, and leave them to judge for themselves what was the best method of teaching religion to those children whose parents were willing that they should learn it. He hoped that this ill-judged meddling with the religious question would not be persisted in.

His chief object in rising was to call the serious attention of the House to the recent Report upon the degeneracy of our race, so far as it related to the condition of the children in elementary schools and the spending of the money which the Committee of Supply had voted for education during the present year, and which the House was now asked to affirm. There were many things in that Report which would be ruled out of order if he brought them before the House. It dealt with the question whether the lives of the children were not spoiled before coming into our schools, and took up such questions as their birth, the way the children were suckled, fed, and housed but those were points which he would not refer to. He would confine his remarks strictly to matters which related to the education to be given to the children in the schools and to the alarming extent to which this Report proved that a great deal of the money voted was absolutely thrown away. It was much to be regretted that the Committee which inquired into this subject was exclusively official, and it would have been better if some independent men had taken part in the investigations. As the subject dealt so largely with the condition of the children, he thought some representative of the working classes ought to have been placed upon the Committee. One would have thought that upon a question of this kind a woman would have been useful upon the Committee. They had not yet received the evidence, but they had been presented with the effect which that evidence had produced upon official minds.

The first thing he would deal with was the recommendation of the Committee as to what should be taught. The first thing which they recommended should be taught to the teachers, with the view of being passed on to the children, was the fatal effect of alcoholism on physical efficiency. If that were taught to school teachers in a proper way it would no doubt produce an important and lasting effect in this country. He did not mean that it should be taught as a special subject and crammed up for a certificate. If the teachers were once got really to appreciate and understand the fatal effects of alcoholism on human efficiency, a very great point would be gained. The hon. Baronet had said that the syllabus was already overloaded and that he did not know where to make room for this new subject. He thought they might postpone for a year or two such subjects as psychology and grammar until the teacher and the children were imbued with a knowledge of the fatal effects of alcoholism on human efficiency. What the Committee recommended was that the teachers in public schools should be turned into temperance missionaries, but they did so in a cautious official manner. They evidently placed very great importance on the proposed teaching in the schools of the evils attaching to alcoholism. An expedient of this kind sometimes had the most extraordinary effect. In illustration of this, he might mention that in Belgium the Roman Catholic Church pursued a wise policy in having al its priests taught the principles of agriculture. The consequence was that Belgium had become an example to this country in the organisation and the prosperity of its agriculture. It would be found if they looked into this that the priest was at the bottom of the organisation in every parish.

The second recommendation of the Committee was that children should be taught the "resources and opportunities of rural existence." He had no doubt the hon. Baronet would say "Amen" to that. Some theoretical efforts had no doubt been made by the Board of Education to teach this subject, but, however good their theory might be, what was their practice? A few days before he read the Report recommending that children should be taught the resources of rural existence, he, in company with his right hon. friend the Member for Dartford, visited an experimental school in Sussex, where this teaching was attempted to be carried out. They found most admirable teaching going on. There was a most excellent mixture of theory and practice which excited their utmost admiration. That school, however, was going to have the grant of the Board of Education withdrawn from it. Why? Because there was a difference between the managers of the school and the Board of Education as to whether the sons and daughters of farmers were to spend two hours a week in practical work and three hours in learning French. The managers were willing to consent that two hours a week should be given to French, but the Board of Education refused to agree to that, with the result that notice had been given that the grant was to be withdrawn. Could the Committee imagine anything more foolish than that? Here was an experiment being made, of a kind which they all desired, and the Board of Education came in and washed its hands of it. He had not a word to say against French. It was a beautiful language, and its literature was a great enjoyment to everybody who could read it. But what earthly good would French be to a Sussex farmer? Surely if they wanted to keep boys and girls on the land they might allow people who were making a valuable experiment to go on with it, and not endeavour to stop it by the rules of the Board of Education.

The Committee also recommended the teaching of cookery, but not to little girls of ten or eleven years of age who were unable to learn it. They recommended that it should be taught to the older girls in the continuation schools, that the material provided should be such as was usually eaten by the poor, that the apparatus should be simple, and that there should be variety. The hon. Baronet knew how contrary these recommendations were to the actual cookery teaching in our schools.

The recommendation of the Committee in regard to physical training amply justified what was said by the hon. Member for Camberwell and himself in the debate last year. The result had been to substitute a more thorough, systematic, and complete syllabus in physical instruction than was previously in use. All the practical reforms in teaching which the Committee recommended could be put in force by the hon. Baronet to-morrow without further legislation or an increase of the Vote. He should like the hon. Baronet to state, when he addressed the House, whether the Board of Education would take all these matters into consideration immediately, without waiting for next session, and without waiting for an Act of Parliament.

Now he came to what appeared to him a most astounding recommendation. They had frequently spoken in that House of how utterly useless and mischievous were what were called "infant schools." There were kindergarten schools to be found in some of our large cities and towns, and against which nobody had a word to say. In those schools the children were generally most admirably treated and taken care of, and everything was done to make their lives happy and to allow them to develop their intellectual character. The Committee recommended that in the country districts the children should be absolutely prohibited from going to school under five years of age, and that school attendance should not be compulsory until they were six or seven. He asked the Committee to consider the enormous waste of money which was going on at present in providing what was called education for children between three and six or seven years of age. How many millions of the money spent were wasted? According to the Report of this Committee it was wasted, and worse than wasted, because school attendance at too early an age did the children a great deal of harm. He thought this matter should be seriously considered by the Board of Education before they came to Parliament again asking sums of money to be wasted in the teaching of little children who would be very much better out in the lanes instead of being spoiled by the conditions under which their infancy was passed. He now came to the treatment of the children whom they got in the infant schools. He did not find any strong recommendation as to providing these children with fresh air. The Committee said, it was true, that the teachers should be alive to the value of fresh air, and they said something was wanting in the education of the teachers in practical hygiene. He had no doubt the teachers could state how much oxgyen and hydrogen there should be in the air, but what these good people meant was that they should also know how to supply the oxygen in the air to the children. That was a matter in which the Board of Education was absolutely responsible. These children were taken out of the open and shut up in schools five hours a day for five days of the week. If they did that they were bound to see that they were supplied with fresh air. Any doctor would tell them that an immense amount of injury was done to poor children by their failing to get a sufficiency of that cheapest of God's gifts—fresh air. There were many schools which were not provided with fresh water for the children, and he insisted that the Board of Education should make it a *sine qua non* that no school should get the grant unless it had proper ventilation and an ample provision of fresh water.

Then this Committee made recommendations in regard to the feeding of children—a subject which had provoked a good deal of discussion in the House and country. These recommendations were conceived in a most cautious and official spirit, but they threw a great amount of condemnation on the local authorities in this matter. They said that it was universally admitted that "the evils arising from under-feeding were so widespread and in certain localities so pressing that some authoritative intervention was called for at the earliest possible moment." And one of the most eminent of the inspectors of the Board of Education in London—Dr. Eichholz—made a special investigation on the subject at Johanna Street Board School in London. That gentleman found that 90 per cent. of the children in that school were unable, by their physical condition, to attend to the work set before them in a proper way, and that 33 per cent. required feeding during six months of the year. That was the practical testimony of a practical man. Everybody knew that there was an enormous waste of the public provision for education in consequence of this want of feeding of the children; and that it was extremely cruel to attempt to force education on children who were insufficiently fed. A large number of children, he recognised, who attended the elementary schools were provided with food by voluntary charitable organisations, but that was not sufficient. Every encouragement should be given to those voluntary organisations, but he suggested that there should be a sort of partnership between them and the local authorities. What the Committee said was that where this arrangement of charitable organisations proved inadequate, subject to the consent of the Board of Education, it might be expedient to permit the application of municipal aid. At the same time they recommended that there should be coercion of neglectful parents. But that required legislation. No municipal authority had at present the power to spend a sixpence in that direction. Would the Government give them that power? They saw no sign of that. The Scotch Education Bill, which had unhappily been abandoned, contained no power to enable the school boards in that country to provide food for insufficiently fed children. The hon. Member for Hoxton had placed an Amendment on the Paper to that effect.

*THE DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN said that he thought the right hon. Member was going outside the scope of the Report to which he referred, and pointed to future legislation, which under the Standing Orders he could not do on the Vote now before the Committee.

SIR JOHN GORST said he would not say another word on that subject. All that he wanted to emphasise was that this Committee recommended that the school authorities should have the power, if other means failed, to feed the children; and he appealed to the hon. Baronet to recommend to the Government that such legislative power should be given.

There was another subject to which he wished to direct attention, and that was the inspection of schools. There was an enormous cost for inspectors and their travelling expenses. The schools were at present so inspected that the teachers and managers became bewildered and did not know where they were. The local authorities would not accept the Board of Education inspection, and he did not know that they were wrong in that regard, because there was no doubt whatever that the Board of Education inspection of elementary schools was extremely inefficient, on account of the system which had prevailed for years, although there were most excellent inspectors. The principle was that the chief duty of the inspector of schools was to please the teachers, to please the managers, and to please the officials at Whitehall; and one of the most unpardonable sins which an inspector could commit was to speak the truth about the condition of the children. He was aware that no inspector who possessed what was called "tact" would ever send in a disagreeable report to the Board of Education because he knew that he would suffer for it. He was conscious that there was a possibility at the Board of Education to alter the reports of inspectors which were not favourable and to publish them in an edited form. He was quite certain there never would be any improvement in the inspection for which these enormous sums were voted until the Board of Education made up its mind that the first duty, the first qualification, of the inspectors was to speak the truth, and that when they did speak the truth they should realise that they would be supported through thick and thin against both teachers and managers. He saw no sign of improvement in the Board of Education. Everything had been put into water-tight compartments which were independent of each other. Why should schools in which there was given elementary, technical, and secondary education, be visited by three different sets of inspectors? That led to great confusion; and the local authorities had wisely refused to accept such inspection, and had appointed inspectors of their own. What was wanted was not more money, but better organisation. Why, the chief inspector was now, at the very busiest and most critical period of the school curriculum, away at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Sir WILLIAM ANSON, Oxford University): He is back now.

SIR GEORGE BARTLEY was understood to ask the right hon. Gentleman why, when he was in the Department, he had not brought these questions before the House?

SIR JOHN GORST said that he had frequently in the House referred to the bad system of inspection. He had never ceased to do so; and he had no doubt that the hon. Baronet, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, would find in the pigeon-holes of the Education Office, unless they had been lost, many of his memoranda in regard to that point, which had received no attention whatever. It was his duty, now that he was relieved from the responsibilities of office, to bring these things under the notice of the House of Commons. He had now been two years out of office, and he wished to draw the attention of the House of Commons to those evils which existed, and which were causing a great deal of overlapping and unnecessary expenditure which ought to be stopped. The only solution of this question was that the Board of Education should give up the idea of inspecting individual schools and leave that duty to the local authorities themselves. These were matters which demanded the attention of the House.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE said he had been very much interested in the able speech of the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Cambridge University. He thought that educationally they owed a great deal to the fact that the right hon. Gentleman was unmuzzled. The Board of Education ought to publish some of the memoranda written by the right hon. Gentleman upon the educational condition of the country. They would be not only interesting and instructive, but amusing, and would provide very good material for the controversies that arose from time to time regarding education. As to inspection he thought it ought to be confined in future to the methods of local authorities rather than individual schools. That would be a good thing for Wales, and he trusted that the Board of Education would hand over the duty of inspecting individual schools to the Federation of County Councils in Wales.

With regard to the marching of children to church he had objected to that himself, but he could not help thinking that the hon. Member for the Stretford Division was mistaken in his interpretation of the Act. That Act did not say that a teacher should take children to church. He was prepared to support a proposal which would make it competent for any religious denomination, during certain hours to be set apart, to take its children outside school hours to another building for the purpose of giving them religious instruction if the parents really wished their children to be instructed in particular dogmas. The hon. and learned Member referred to the case of Mr. Piper, but that was a different matter altogether. Mr. Piper asked if he could take his children to a Baptist chapel in order to give them religious instruction. His recollection was that Mr. Piper asked the vicar for a room in the school for the purposes of religious instruction; and being refused had to take the children elsewhere. But supposing Mr. Piper had a right to a room in the school it would have been wrong on his part to take the children away. What he objected to was the division of a school into seven or eight classes, for it would lead to confusion. If the parents wanted to get their children instructed in any particular building it would be intolerance on the part of any religious denomination to grudge such facilities. For a teacher in or out of school hours to marshal children and take them to any church or chapel in the district would be a very invidious thing to do, because it would be practically bringing the pressure of the discipline of the school on the children. If a thing of that sort was to be done it must be at the desire of the parent. [An HON. MEMBER: So it is.] It was not entirely so done. If a teacher asked children to go to church they did not like to refuse because it might be looked upon as disobeying the teacher, and they might be under the impression —quite wrongly, of course—that the teacher might make an invidious distinction. He did not think children should be put in that position. It should be a question for the parent entirely, and the teacher ought not to come into it at all. He understood that the Board of Education held that the teacher should not marshal children to church, and he was glad that was the case. If an individual parent made a request to the teacher to allow a child to attend a particular church or service he was sure the teacher would not object, but no official of a local authority, as a teacher was, should use influence upon the children to organise attendance at any particular place of worship. The Board of Education had taken the right line, and he hoped they would stand firm by their decision. The Act of Parliament provided that religious instruction might be given either at the beginning or the end of the ordinary secular school instruction. Why under those circumstances had the Board of Education taken upon themselves to alter the Act, and to say, in defiance of it, that the religious instruction must be given at the beginning, and that the end was not a reasonable time? The Board was exercising a sort of pressure upon the local authorities in this matter.

*SIR WILLIAM ANSON: The Board of Education is a Court of appeal, and I am not going to discuss the matter at this stage.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE: The hon. Baronet is responsible to the House of Commons, and we are entitled to challenge his actions. He has no right to say he is the Court of appeal.

*SIR WILLIAM ANSON: The hon. Member misunderstands me. Of course I am responsible to the House for the decision of the Board, but I say that the Board of Education has to decide certain questions which arise between the managers and the local authorities, and that while these questions are still under review by the Board of Eduaction I think it is undesirable to discuss them in the House of Commons. I do not say that I am not entirely responsible.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE said that this was really a very novel doctrine. A local authority in the exercise of its legal right said that the religious instruction should be at the end, and the Board of Education then brought pressure to bear to make the local authority alter its decision. He protested against the Secretary to the Board of Education's action in refusing to discuss the matter. That showed the spirit in which the law was administered.

He would give another illustration of the way in which the law was administered. The right hon. Member for Cambridge University, in the course of his interesting speech, said that the managers were not sufficiently alive to the value of fresh air in the schools. He agreed with the right hon. Gentleman that they were not sufficiently alive to the value of ventilating the buildings, giving sufficient cubic space to the children, and plenty of light. The first thing the county councils of Wales did was to have a report upon all the buildings in which instruction was given. That the report was impartial was proved by the figures given by the hon. Member for West Ham. They were told that the board schools required £13,000 spent on them, and the voluntary schools £12,000; that many of the schools were not fit places to send children to. The county councils called attention to this, and the School Boards took steps to improve their schools. But the managers of the voluntary schools appealed to the Board of Education, and the Board of Education, instead of supporting the county councils and compelling the managers to spend money upon improving the condition of the schools, their ventilation, their sanitary arrangements and the light and air space—what had they done? They had supported the managers in what was practically a refusal to carry out those recommendations. What was the good of talking about physical degeneration and enforcing the law, when upon a matter of that vital importance the Board of Education declined absolutely to support the county councils? The Act stated clearly that the county councils should maintain all public elementary schools if certain conditions were complied with, and one of the conditions was that the managers made "such alterations and improvements in the building as may reasonably be required by the local education authority." Was it not reasonable to call upon the managers to so alter and improve the school buildings as to make them fit for little children to be in for five hours a day? No, the conditions with regard to maintenance the Education Board must maintain, but when the conditions were against the managers the Board of Education was exceedingly long-suffering and indulgent. All they asked was that the managers should take some steps, and if it were simply a question of time—of a few months—he would not say a word.

MR. PLATT-HIGGINS (Salford, N.): They have to find the money.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE: Ah, the money! If they have not got the money let them hand over the schools. The local education authority have nothing whatever to do with that. You should not undertake a task which you are not financially fit for. Honourable men do not do it.

MR. PLATT-HIGGINS: It is only a question of time.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE asked what the hon. Gentleman meant by "time." If it was only a question of three or four months not a word would be said, and if the right hon. Baronet, the Parliamentary Secretary, would get up and say he was prepared to carry out these recommendations within the next six months—was that a reasonable time in the hon. Member's (Mr. Platt-Higgin's) opinion?—(after a pause) evidently he was not prepared to give an answer—if the right hon. Baronet told them he was prepared during the coming winter to force these gentlemen to improve their schools and put them into the position which the Board of

Education demanded with regard to provided schools—then they would be satisfied. But he was not doing it. On the contrary, he was just picking and choosing the things in the Act of Parliament that he was going to enforce; and he was going to enforce them by drastic methods—if he could. But the things that suited the educational interests of the children, if they inflicted a burden on the denominational managers, they were willing to hang up. They had no right to do it. They ought to administer an Act of Parliament of this sort impartially, if at all. What greater harm could they inflict upon children than to send them for five or six hours a day into buildings where they breathed the most fœtid air? It damaged them for life—it ruined them. It would be much better to give them good air and plenty of light than some of the catechisms that they were taught in those schools, and the Secretary to the Board of Education, before he began to enforce the law against the Welsh county councils, should first see that his own friends were complying with it.

*COLONEL WILLIAMS (Dorsetshire, W.) thought the Board of Education were not quite aware of the full force of the interpretation which they had put upon the section of the Act of 1870. That was not the first educational system in this country. We had an educational system many years before that, and under that system children had been regularly taken to church on certain days. Before the Act of 1870 it was perfectly legal for children to be taken to church by the managers of the schools. By the Act of 1870 a new system of undenominational teaching came into force, and all those things mentioned in the Act of 1870 as to giving religious instruction to children in the schools "and elsewhere" simply admitted the practice of the schools in existence before the Act of 1870. But the Act of 1870 neither legalised the practice or made it illegal. It simply said that in the new class of schools—the Board schools—they were not to make that thing necessary which had taken place according to the practice of denominational schools. What was legal in the denominational schools before 1870 was legal after 1870. Where it had been the practice, as it had been for fifty years in his own recollection, for the managers of denominational schools to take the children to church the Act of 1870 did not interfere with the practice in any way. That, at all events, was his reading of the Act, and he hoped the right hon. Baronet would tell him it was the right reading. The hon. Gentleman the Member for Carnarvon who had just spoken had talked a great deal about fairness and justice, but underlying that fairness and justice of which they had heard so much was the great fallacy that hon. Gentlemen opposite thought it was fair only when they were allowed to have their own way. They entirely forgot what was due to other people. If half the people desired to have denominational teaching what right had the other half who did not desire to have denominational teaching to say they should not have it.

With regard to the pupil teacher question he might say that in the rural districts that question was becoming a burning one. The training of pupil teachers was imposing a heavy burden on the already overburdened taxpayers in those districts. He had no desire to say a word against the endeavour to raise the standard of education and the power of the pupil teachers, but they could not now be certain of retaining the pupil teachers after they were trained. In old days the pupil teacher was trained in the school in which she taught, but the new rule laid down that a pupil teacher must be six months in the school and six months out of it being trained at a secondary school and therefore it was necessary for each school to have two pupil teachers in training, the one to take the place of the other when she left the school. There were also a great many village schools where two pupil teachers could not be got to train, so that instead of there being two pupil teachers as there ought to be, one being educated at the secondary school, it had become necessary to have an Assistant Teacher, and that laid a still heavier burden on the rates. There seemed to be an idea at the Board of Education that for the training of pupil teachers in secondary schools they should take all the money allocated to technical education and so use it all in favour of one particular class instead of leaving it for the help of all trades and all classes. There seemed to him to be a desire to take the burden off the shoulders of the nation, where this burden should rest, and place it on the shoulders of the locality, and to use for this purpose all that technical education money which ought to be devoted to all trades. This was applied to some of the old educational charities. He thought it was extremely unfair to make the local rates provide for the training of the pupil teachers, who in all probability would not be employed in the districts in which they were taught, but in neighbouring towns. He hoped that the right hon. Baronet would in his reply indicate that the Board of Education had this matter under their consideration, and that he would say that the local authorities had nothing to do with providing pupil teachers in the schools.

Mr. WALLACE (Perth) agreed with all that the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Cambridge University had said with regard to the teaching of children, but the matter raised by the hon. Member for the Stretford Division was much wider. The hon. Member suggested that children could not be taken to a religious service of a particular denomination during school hours even with the consent of their parents. The question was how the children were to be got to church. They were all agreed that by fair and moral means the children should be induced to attend religious teaching, but how were they going to do it? The hon. Member for the Stretford Division said that under Section 7 of the Act of 1870 the local authority and the teachers were empowered to take the children to church to receive religious instruction. There was no power in the section to do any such thing. It provided that a child could not be compelled to abstain from going elsewhere to receive religious instruction. It gave no authority to the teacher to compel the attendance of a child at a religious service. For the teachers to try to persuade children to attend a particular church would be a gross breach of authority, and the fact that a different view had prevailed did not make it legal. He made these observations strongly, not because he was not in absolute sympathy with hon. Gentlemen opposite, but because he could imagine nothing more mischievous than for the teachers or the local authority to interfere in these matters. If the teacher was a religious man and chose, outside school hours, to use his or her influence with the scholars to persuade them to go to the place of worship of a particular denomination with the consent of their parents, all honour to the teacher; but while the teacher was acting as a State servant, under the local authority, he had no right to bring influence of that sort to bear upon the scholars in the school. As to the question of maintenance of schools by the local authority, anyone who read the particular section to which the hon. Member for Carnarvon had called attention would see that all this hung together and that the duty of maintenance by the local education authority depended upon the managers performing those particular duties which were laid down by the Act. If the managers did not discharge those duties the local education authority was released from its obligation to maintain those schools. The complaint was that the Board of Education did not insist upon the managers fulfilling their statutory obligations.

*Mr. J. F. HOPE (Sheffield, Brightside) said the speech made by the hon. Member for Carnarvon was, on the whole, one of moderation, but when he came to speak of the times at which religious instruction should be given he should have remembered what he had said before upon this subject. In January last year, when addressing some of his friends, who were presenting him with an address, he referred to the duties of local authorities under the Act, and said that they should arrange the hours for instruction so that some children might have their denominational instruction in the schools whilst others could go out to play; and he further suggested that this and other steps would make the management of the schools so burdensome that the managers would be willing to throw them upon the local authority. He quoted that as an example of the spirit in which the hon. Member approached this question in January of last year. It a teacher used his position in a school unfairly to induce children to attend religious services which their parents objected to, it was exceedingly wrong, and ought not to be tolerated. It would be the duty of the local authority to see that no such thing happened. But if the children were not to go to church with the free consent of their parents that was altogether another question, and he submitted that it was quite inconsistent with the by-law which the Board of Education put forward last year, which provided that children might be withdrawn from religious instruction and taken out of school. Why should they not be allowed to go out in order to attend church, and why should the teacher not be allowed to go with them if no objection was raised by the parents. He was exceedingly glad to hear that the Board of Education had sanctioned arrangements in one case by which the Baptist minister was able to take the Baptist children to his chapel, and he should like to see that practice extended.

It was rather difficult in a debate like this to fix attention upon one subject, but he desired to call attention to a case which arose under the working of Sections 8 and 9 of the Education Act. It was the case of a proposed Church of England school at Hayward's Heath in which town there was last year a deficiency of school accommodation. He did not know the vicar personally, but at the time the school was contemplated the vicar made an offer to the other denominations that he would be quite satisfied if they would erect another school at their own expense. He told them that he did not wish to compete with them at all, but they could not see their way to do what he asked and thereupon the vicar took steps to provide a school at the expense of his friends and himself. This was before the Education Act had been passed, but when the Act came into operation this proposed school came under Sections 8 and 9, and a public inquiry had to be held. An agitation was got up against the school and 298 signatories were obtained against this school, many of which came not from the Hayward's Heath district but from outside. The matter came before the urban council, and twice they passed resolutions in favour of the project, once unanimously and once with only two dissentients. The county council remained entirely neutral and took no part in it. A poll of the ratepayers was taken at the instance of the promoters of the school, when 564 voted in favour of the school, 150 returned their papers blank, eight voted against, and 101 papers were either not returned at all or were spoiled. This showed that the neighbourhood was predominantly in favour of the school. An inquiry was held by a gentleman sent down by the Board of Education, and he had to report on three specific grounds: (1) the interests of secular instruction, (2) the economy of the rates, and (3) the wishes of the parents. In regard to the first ground, he reported that one proposal was as good as the other; on the second ground he thought that obviously there would be greater economy if the school was built by private subscription; and as to the wishes of the parents he said that out of 600 children in present attendance only four availed themselves of the conscience clause, and the evidence of parents on both sides was not satisfactory, many having but a vague idea of the difference between the schools, the distance of the schools from their homes forming the chief consideration in their minds. The first remark he wished to make on that matter was that such a situation could not possibly have arisen under the old law. The vicar would have got his school and no one could have said anything against him. Therefore the new law in this respect made a perfect change, and indeed in certain cases it might be a very right change. Again he would say that if the minority for which this particular type of school was built had been prepared themselves to make some effort to provide a school he thought there would have been a very good case indeed. Or further if the Secretary to the Board of Education had been able to say to the promoters of the new school, "Will you allow the ministers of other religions to come in and give religious instruction in the new school according to the wishes of the parents?" he thought that would have been a fair proposal to make. But what happened in the present case? The Board of Education decided that there should be a council school on general grounds, and the result was that the majority of the ratepayers were compelled against their wishes to build and maintain a school for which those who wanted it made no effort in the matter of cost. As a matter of policy he was sure his hon. friend must see that it was easier to estrange his friends than to conciliate his opponents. He assumed, therefore, that his hon. friend had been actuated solely by considerations of principle, and he should like to know what principle had actuated him in the course he had taken in this matter.

As to the question of feeding starving children he heartily welcomed what was said by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Cambridge University. It was an absolute corollary of compulsory education that they should not try to cram instruction into the brain of a little child unless there was some proper food in its stomach, and he hoped some more municipal power might be given in this direction. Of course, parents who could not pay for these privileges could not be in the same position as others. He did not think that the old principle of *laissez faire* ought to prevent them from grappling with this question.

*MR. H. J. WILSON (Yorkshire, W.R., Holmfirth) drew the attention of the House to a case which took place three or four months ago at Lifton, a Devonshire village, and which, in his view, required investigation. Four boys were turned out of the national school there by the vicar for a remarkable reason. When they were questioned as to what a Christian was the four boys were agreed in declaring that a Christian was a follower of Jesus Christ. The vicar insisted on them saying he was a person who had been baptised by the Church, and on their refusing to do so they were turned out of the school. That was not the way to conciliate anybody in the villages, or to make them any more fond either of the vicar or of religious instruction in public elementary schools. If boys were to be turned out of school "with considerable violence" as one report said, or, "with a beating," for such a reason as that, the condition of things could not be regarded as satisfactory. He hoped that the Secretary to the Board of Education would make a statement on the subject during that debate, and if not, that he would promise the House some information on a future occasion.

LORD HUGH CECIL (Greenwich) said his hon. and learned friend the Member for Stretford had drawn attention to a matter which was engaging the notice of the clergy throughout the country in a very special manner. It was undoubtedly the case that it had been the practice for a considerable number of years for the children who attended denominational schools attached to the Church of England to attend service in the church on appropriate days. He supposed that a similar practice had prevailed in other denominational schools. It was constantly forgotten by hon. Members who had criticised that practice that these schools were denominational, and that the instruction given in them was denominational religious instruction intended to educate the children in the principles of that particular denomination. Nonconformist parents who disapproved of that teaching were protected by the power to withdraw their children during religious hours. So far as the question of expediency was concerned, surely the only question was whether as a matter of fact the children obtained better religious instruction from the point of view of the denomination by being taken to church than by staying in the school. Apart from the overwhelming arguments of experienced managers and teachers, he should have thought if they desired to bring up children to be devout members of a particular denomination nothing would more tend in that direction than that they should from time to time attend service in the church of that denomination. At the back of all this criticism was a desire to make denominational instruction not particularly efficacious, to take the heart out of it, and to assimilate it to undenominational instruction. He constantly heard in those educational debates language of that character. It was constantly made a matter of congratulation that the teaching in a Church school could not really be distinguished from the teaching in a school which was undenominational. The whole point of view was that denominationalism was an eccentricity which they must allow perhaps in form, but if it could be destroyed so much the better. He put it, therefore, to the Secretary to the Board of Education, whether, as one who was a supporter of that system, it was logical or reasonable to restrict a practice which had been going on for a great number of years, which tended to make religious instruction according to denominational principles more efficient, and which was certainly not a violation of the conscience of any human being.

He understood that it was maintained by some hon. Members that to make attendance at church part of the religious curriculum was an abuse and an extension of the system that ought not to be tolerated, but he did not see why there should be the objection if the children were to be thoroughly taught. Upon the point of law he imagined there was more force in the view put forward by the hon. and learned Member for Stretford than had been admitted. The law required the attendance of children at school, and it was reasonable so to interpret the language of Section 7, having regard to a practice extending over thirty years, of giving religious teaching elsewhere than in the schoolroom. When school attendance was made compulsory the existing school discipline was contemplated, and he submitted to lawyers that the point might be maintained. If it were not for the desire to water down denominational teaching nobody would have dreamed of interfering with the arrangement, which was as natural as visiting field or factory. If it was necessary that a particular arrangement in regard to religious instruction should be made for protecting the position of Nonconformists there was nothing to be said against it, but such points should not be pressed merely for the purpose of weakening denominational teaching. Let them try to meet one another and try to understand the differences in their religious points of view and not endeavour to throw difficulties in the way of the working of the system. No one would dispute that if a building used for a school was insanitary and rebuilding was urgently necessary it should be rebuilt without delay, but if it was a question of carrying out some desirable improvement not of pressing urgency it was not unwise to allow such reasonable latitude in point of time as was required under financial difficulties. There was a principle of give and take in these matters the Department ought to apply. There would always be in the House and in the country endless friction unless some means could be found to satisfy the conscientious scruples and religious feelings of all classes of the community.

He submitted this consideration to Nonconformists, that to interfere with a religious system by omissions was as offensive to the feelings of those who believed in that system as if the same thing were done by additions. Suppose they had to deal with the children of Jews and Christians. Would it be a reasonable settlement to say that as they differed in the acceptance of the New Testament that should not be taught, but the Old Testament should be taught, because upon that there was general agreement? It was evident that that would be a decided disadvantage to the one class, and yet that was precisely what was desired by undenominationalists as against denominational teaching. The Christian would consider that to meet the wishes of the Jew vitally important matters had been omitted, and Christian and Jew would be equally grieved if Mormonism were taught. Of course, the Christian would be satisfied with nothing but the teaching of the Christian religion. In a somewhat similar position Churchmen, Roman Catholics, and Nonconformists were placed. It was just as unfair to drive every Church of England parent to accept an undenominational system as it would be to compel the Christian to accept the Jewish system because Judaism to a certain extent was accepted by both. He was certain no educational settlement would be permanent until all religious bodies acquiesced in it, and he was sure that until Nonconformist bodies came to understand the Church position and would formulate on their side a reasonable concession to Church feeling they would not approach nearer to a permanent settlement. It lay with the Nonconformists to bring up a scheme of their own to meet conscientious difficulties. That would do more than anything else for the advancement of educational progress and religious teaching.

*SIR WILLIAM ANSON said that before making the general statement which he proposed to make he would deal with the complaints and criticisms which had been made in the course of debate. In regard to the complaint about the Barton-on-Humber School the facts were as follows. There was a deficiency of accommodation which arose in a way which he would describe. The local authority announced their intention of providing a school, and the vicar of the parish announced his intention of offering a school—an offer which would have met the necessities of the case. The local education authority appointed a committee which inquired into the matter and they withdrew their proposal to provide a school. Thereupon the vicar was left in the field. He himself was informed there was a very strong feeling in the place, that Nonconformist sentiment was very strong, that the children would be sent a long distance to be free from any possible contamination by Anglican influence, and that, therefore, it would be a very great hardship if a council school were not provided. An inquiry was held, and the result was that, as far as secular instruction was concerned, there would be no difference between one scheme and the other, and that, as far as economy of the rates was concerned, it would be undoubtedly better to accept the vicar's school, which was a school in being. As regarded the wishes of the parents of the children, there were petitions and counter petitions and when he came to inquire into the educational circumstances of Barton-on-Humber it was shown that the feelings of the parents were not as violent as they were asked to believe. The Anglican and Wesleyan schools were attended by children of all denominations, but, as a matter of fact, the members of the church choir attended the Wesleyan school. The deficiency of accommodation had been caused by the closing of the Roman Catholic school, in which all Roman Catholic doctrine was taught. It accommodated seventy-five children, of which number four only were Roman Catholics, the rest being equally divided between Non-conformists and Church of England children; and no one was withdrawn from religious instruction. Then came the case of Hayward's Heath. There was no doubt an economic reason for accepting the Church of England school at Hayward's Heath. There was also a fairly equally divided Church of England and Nonconformist population, and the Board of Education came to the conclusion that this was a single school area, and that, on the whole, it was better to treat it as such. The case was undoubtedly a difficult one, but some inconvenience would be caused to the Nonconformist population whose children might have to go some distance to a council school if no such school was to be provided within the area. The Board, therefore, said that if the county council would at once provide a school with accommodation sufficient, they would decide in favour of such school.

As to reasonable facilities for religious instruction the hon. and learned Member for Stretford seemed to think the Board of Education almost bound to make a general pronouncement as to what should be considered a reasonable time to be allowed for religious instruction. He could not find that any power to do so was conferred upon them by the Act. Their powers were limited to deciding differences that might arise under Section 7 between managers and local authorities. In different parts of the country the local conditions varied widely in regard to such points as the hours when school should be open, whether religious teaching should be given at the beginning or the end of the school time or both, and the Board would have run considerable risk of giving offence and of being considered officious, and he thought would undoubtedly have gone beyond the power conferred upon them by the Act if they had made such a general statement as suggested. It was said that they had put pressure one way or another on various local authorities and actually cut down religious teaching in certain localities. There were but two cases where they had had the matter under consideration, and in neither case had they done anything which would justify anybody in saying that they had made a reduction beyond what had been already allowed and would have been considered reasonable and sufficient by most bodies of managers. No such pressure as the hon. Member for Carnarvon had referred to had been put on any local authority. The cases to which he referred had come before them, and there the matter stood. No pressure whatever had been put on the local authority to extend the time already given.

On the question of reasonable requirements as to repairs, they were really doing exactly what the hon. Member for Carnarvon said they ought to do. He held that these requirements must be reasonable in amount, and reasonable as to the time in which the alterations were to be carried out. The time allowed in the majority of cases was under six months.

As to the propriety of taking children to church, it seemed to be supposed that the Board had taken an initiative in the matter, but the Board of Education had not been meddlesome. The question arose in a form in which it was impossible to avoid dealing with it. A clergyman announced his intention to take 500 children to church on Ascension Day, and of altering the hour of meeting by a quarter of an hour in order to give time for the children to go to church and come back for the secular instruction. The local authority said they could not meet him in this, and protested strongly against the action taken. Nevertheless, the children were taken to church; and the Board of Education were asked what was right in the matter. He had to consider the question, and it was not without a full sense of responsibility that he differed from the ruling of his predecessor in office. Under the by-laws which the local authority were required to make, and which had statutory force, the children were bound to be at school during the whole time the school was open. The local authority were empowered by the Act of 1890 to determine the time during which the children were to attend school, and it surely would not have been right to allow the time table, approved by an inspector on behalf of the Board of Education, to be in flat contradiction to the wording of the by-law. Therefore they called the attention of their inspector to the matter; but their action was in no way adverse to the interests of religious teaching. They pointed out that if the local authority chose to adopt the new form of by-law suggested to them last year, or if the parents withdrew their children on certain days, as they were entitled to do under the Act of 1890, or if the local authority sanctioned by by-law or otherwise the use of the church as a place for religious instruction, there would be no difficulty in making arrangements with the parents. The idea that the Board of Education had taken away anything from the Church schools to which those schools were entitled and which laid them open to condemnation was chimerical. They had done nothing but endeavour to make the practice of the Board conform to the law as they understood it, and to suggest various ways of including changes in the by-laws.

He thought he had now dealt with the questions which had been raised, except certain points mentioned by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Cambridge University, which he would deal with in his general statement with reference to the working of the Act. As to the working of the Education Act, there were 335 local education authorities, and in the case only of five of these was the Act not yet fully in operation. In these cases, too, the Act would be in working before the end of September. More important was the question, What were these local authorities doing in regard to secondary education? The local authorities were required by Section 2 of the Act to consider the educational needs of their area and take such steps as seemed to them desirable, after consultation with the Board of Education, to aid the supply of education in that area. Many local authorities had consulted with the Board in various ways, by deputations, by correspondence, by communication with the Inspectors of the Board, and often, in the case of boroughs, by discussion as to the provision of one or more individual schools; an many had held inquiries themselves, through expert advisers, through committees of experts, or through sub-committees of their own, as to the whole condition of secondary education in its relation to education in other forms in their districts. These inquiries had been especially thorough in the cases of Lancashire, Staffordshire, the West Riding of Yorkshire, Sheffield and Manchester. Last year he informed the House as to the extent to which reorganisation had taken place in the Board of Education and its inspectorate. He now had only to mention—he did so under the reproach of the right hon. Member for Cambridge University—that they had increased and strengthened the staff of inspectors of secondary schools. As regarded the inspectorate generally, he could not accept the description given by the right hon. Gentleman, either as to the attitude of the local authority towards the inspectors of the Board of Education, or as to the character, quality, and shortcomings of the inspectors themselves; but he could assure him that he would pay as careful attention to the matter as time would allow him, and that if he found the results led him to entertain views of the kind and strength which the right hon. Gentleman described himself as having held, and as having expressed in memoranda which he, personally, had not been fortunate enough to peruse, he could assure him that some change would take place either in the inspectorate or in the secretariat. As regarded the various branches of education with which the Board dealt, he would say little about technical institutes and classes except that their usefulness was unimpaired and that the Board was endeavouring to continue that usefulness for the classes of students for whom they were intended.

As regarded secondary schools he had something to say, however. Last year he had reason to express considerable anxiety as to the teaching in the smaller secondary schools. It showed too early a specialisation. There was a gradual loss of the cultivation of language and literature, and the tendency was too exclusively scientific, whereas what was wanted really was a liberal education. At that time the Department gave two sets of grants. To schools which were called A schools they gave a much larger grant than to the others, and the requirements as to scientific teaching were much more exacting. The others, which were called B schools, received a smaller grant and much more room was left for general education. The history of this was that formerly the only form of higher education with which the Government dealt was the science and art grant for the purposes of science and art classes. These grew into schools of science and these again grew into schools of the A type. Care was taken, he believed, as far as the Board could take care, that a liberal education was given in addition to the scientific teaching, but the demands of science were too hard, the largeness of the scientific grant was too tempting, and the inspectorate at that time was not, he thought, strong enough to ensure that these schools gave the liberal education which the Board desired. They had now tried to effect a change First, they tried to define roughly what was a secondary school. He believed that the Secondary Education Commission gave up in despair the attempt to define secondary education,

Mr. **BRYCE** (Aberdeen, S.): They did not give it up in despair, but they thought it would be dangerous.

*Sir **WILLIAM ANSON** said that, at all events, he could not find it in their Report. Practically he thought it well to drop the phrase and to attempt a definition of a secondary school instead. A secondary school was distinct from a technical institute, which gave special teaching of an advanced character, and distinct from continuation classes, which gave a great variety of teaching but no continuity of teaching in any one subject, and no general education. The Department, therefore, declared that a secondary school, to meet their requirements, must give a general education to boys and girls up to the age of sixteen and beyond. By general education he meant that undue weight must not be given to any particular branch of education. The education must be complete so far as it went, and progressive and continuous. The boys and girls must learn thoroughly what they did learn, and never be allowed to mark time. The normal type of school would be more of the B type. That was to say, it would offer a general education, physical, mental, and moral, given through a complete graded course of instruction of a wider scope and more advanced degree than that given at the elementary schools. The Department thus hoped to establish a type of school which would give what he roughly described as a liberal education, but special and much larger grants would be given to schools, which were held to be entitled to them, for special scientific teaching. The A school was revived in that form, but the Department required that the classes which attained to these more special scientific subjects should be of the average age of thirteen, and they varied the grant according to the local or educational conditions. They had suggested that these schools might differentiate their course at the end of two years, that was that there should be a two years course of general liberal education, and that after that there should be the specialised course, more scientific, or more liberal and linguistic, starting at thirteen or fourteen years of age.

There were two difficulties he should mention; the first was want of money. The Department would like very much to be able to increase their grants and assist more schools, and thus get a stronger hold, and, he believed, a useful hold, upon the secondary education given in the minor secondary schools. There was a second difficulty which he thought local authorities would soon realise, and which once they realised it would disappear. This regarded the government of schools, and the relation of the headmaster to the local authority and the governing body. Local authorities were somewhat apt at first sight to believe that they saved themselves considerable time and secured greater administrative efficiency if they governed the school themselves; practically this meant Government through their organising secretary. The Board had constantly pressed upon them the advisability of appointing governing bodies for schools, with certain powers, limited, no doubt, financially, and urged that if a capable man were appointed as headmaster, he should have full power of conferring with the governing body and expressing his views to that body. The importance of these smaller schools securing an efficient headmaster was very great. He thought the authorities would soon realise that unless they established a governing body and gave the headmaster the powers he had described, they would not create the general interest needed, nor obtain the capable men they required, and so would not get what they wanted in the way of a successful secondary school.

Sir William Anson.

He had been asked about training colleges. He would not weary the House with more than an outline of the sort of changes which the Board desired to make. They had endeavoured to give greater freedom in two ways. They had decided to allow a one-year course at a training college. If they could get better material for the training colleges and reduce the time necessary to be spent there to one year, the student no longer requiring to devote a great deal of his time to acquiring general education which he ought to have acquired previously, he thought it would be an advantage. One of the results would be considerable economy to the local authority, in so far as it would largely increase the annual output of the colleges with no greater outlay. Again, the Board had recognised day-training colleges not connected with a University college or a University. Hitherto the day-training college had always been attached to a University college or a University. He hoped a good deal from this development. He hoped it would tend to diminish the unwholesome appetite for a degree which possessed so many of these elementary teachers. Such an ambition on the part of a student who had not received a good general education caused him to mis-spend time in a course of study which often led to disappointment, and which, if it did not, seldom led to real efficiency. Students who were but half educated and tried to learn more than they could carry were often led astray by lectures which would be useful to older or more fully educated students. They carried away from them only that half knowledge, which was really an intellectual defect. He would call attention to an answer from the examination of a pupil teacher in connection with the Queen's scholarships. A question was asked regarding the frontiers of France. The student wrote—

"The Alps are accessible over their summits, while the Pyrenees are not; they are accessible only at their two ends. The Alps divide France from Spain. The Rhone also would seem to form a natural frontier; but the Germans own this."

That was an indication of the material which went up to the training college. Now for the material which was to be found at the training college. One student wrote that the sonnets of Shakespeare were written in blank verse, another wrote an apparently well-informed description of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, until he came to the last sentence when he stated—

"The beauty of the story is enhanced by the charm of the metre in which the poem is written."

A third student, writing of the Renaissance, stated that—

"The founders of Italian architecture were Torrigiano and Terra Cotta."

These things struck him as being much worse than ignorance. They showed the confusion of mind of the student and an incapacity for realising the difference between first-hand and second-hand knowledge, or, indeed, the difference between knowledge and ignorance. And thus a lecture which would be useful to others was only misleading to the student who came to a subject perfectly ignorant. This led him to point out that the provision of better material for training colleges by giving a better education to pupil teachers was a matter of great importance. Unless we educated our pupil teachers better, we wasted money at both ends. We wasted the money spent on training colleges by sending raw material of which they could not make good use, and we wasted the money spent on elementary education on account of the quality of the teachers supplied. He described last year the ideal of the Board as to the educational course of the pupil-teacher. What he had said as to the importance of this matter was, he thought, justified by the action of the local education authorities. The Board had had applications within the time the Act had been in operation for the recognition of 211 pupil-teacher centres. Of these, 163 came from local education authorities. The Board had recognised sixty-eight, they had eighty-three under consideration, and they had only refused recognition to twelve. The local authorities were trying to improve the lower-grade secondary schools to which it was desired that the intending pupil-teacher should go and they were trying to improve the pupil-teacher centres where teaching and study went on upon the half-time system. The amount spent on the pupil teacher was ludicrous having regard to the necessities. The taxpayers spent £110,000 a year at present on the training of pupil teachers, £216,500 on grants to secondary schools, £375,700 on grants to training colleges, and £10,547,000 on elementary education, the whole value of which depended on the quality of the teaching given. He thought he had said enough to show how important this subject was, and how it would justify an urgent demand for a larger outlay on the secondary schools and the pupil-teacher centres, so that we might get the worth of our money spent on elementary education.

Coming to elementary education, as to generalities, he need only say that in the Code this year the Board had said practically all he had to say and they had tried to make the Code as readable as such a document could be. One great problem always before them in elementary education was the question of the condition in which the children went to school, the question of the feeding of the children. He had spoken about this more than once, and he had already expressed his strong desire that the House should have a tangible scheme before it. He had said so much on the subject that he would rather not discuss it further until he could lay something definite before the House. It was idle to waste time in words of sympathy when what was wanted was action. He had said, and he still thought, we could do a good deal by indirect effort, by teaching the laws of health in schools and pupil-teacher centres and training colleges and by improvement in the teaching of cookery. He felt that there was a great deal of force in the suggestion that in certain poor districts there should be special schools on the lines of the day industrial schools for underfed children. Then there was the problem of the children who were not permanently underfed but went to the school from time to time in a starving condition. In regard to this he most frankly said, without reference to the fiscal question, that he was not a free-fooder.

Mr. CROOKS (Woolwich): Not altogether.

***Sir WILLIAM ANSON**: Well, not a "whole-hogger," but he felt that the matter could only be dealt with by legislation. The other great outstanding problem concerned agricultural education. What was wanted was to keep the children on the land. He thought that both in the country and in the towns too much time was spent in book work. The children in the elementary schools were very near to the hard facts of life, and such children must lose interest in their work as their time was drawing to a close, if they did not see in it any connection with the work going on around them, and he would like to see a more practical character given to the teaching in elementary schools both in the towns and in the country. In the country, however, they must meet the preliminary difficulty of finding teachers who could give the sort of instruction which would bring rural matters home to the child. Teachers would not at the outset of their career assign themselves to the country. The ambition of teachers would, he thought, tend towards the great towns where the great prizes were to be found, and therefore they could not hope to prepare the rural teacher in Training Colleges. They must try to instruct him when he was already employed in the rural school, and the Board were in communication with the Board of Agriculture on the subject, and he trusted that the two Departments would work together, and that the Board of Agriculture would supply lectures and centres in which courses of instruction might be given which might help and guide teachers in rural schools. But then there was the other question as to attendance. Many people in the country, especially the farmers, thought that the Act of 1902 had increased the hours of school attendance and had deprived them of the services of those boys who would otherwise work in the fields. He thought that Act had had this effect, that the local education authorities, under pressure of the rate and with the desire to get the utmost Parliamentary grants, had been stricter in the matter of school attendance than local authorities were before; but he had endeavoured to disabuse those who had communicated with him on the subject of the idea that the Act of 1902 had had any direct effect on the attendance of children in the rural schools. The truth was that the local authorities had not yet learned to take advantage of what was called Robson's Act. That Act enabled a boy of eleven, if he gave a certain number of attendances, to work for months together in the fields, though he was not entitled to total exemption till he reached the age of thirteen. The rules as to attendance were very complicated, they were more than that, they were tangled, and he hoped that in the course of the winter the Board might be able to work out these rules of attendance and communicate with the local authorities in the country so as to enable them to get the full benefit of Robson's Act, and then, he thought, without loss of grant to the local authorities, they might bring back into the Code that scheme of grants, which he was very sorry to have to let drop this year, and which he thought would have been of considerable advantage to the education of the country at large. If, however, the local authorities were to take full advantage of that Act they wanted centres or else evening schools for half-timers, so that if boys were set free to work in the fields during the last portion of the year, they might be able, without breaking the thread of their work, to get their teaching in the special centres provided for the purpose.

He thought he had now reviewed the educational circumstances of the day as far as he could. The Board of Education had had a very difficult task thrown upon it It had had to decide a great many questions under the Education Act, some of them very important and some of them not so important —but all important to the persons concerned — questions between managers and county councils, questions as to the application of endowments, questions as to foundation managers, and questions as to what were necessary schools. It was impossible to decide between the parties with satisfaction to both, and the disappointed party generally thought that the Board had not merely done wrong but had been prejudiced in its wrongdoing. The Board had had, however, to work through these large educational problems, dealing with an infinite amount of detail, and buffeted by the storms of that religious controversy of which they had heard so much in the House and not so much in the country. Still he hoped that throughout they had endeavoured to impress upon those with whom they had been in communication the true meaning of the often misused word "education." They had endeavoured to impress on those with whom they had had to deal that education was not merely a means of obtaining a Parliamentary grant for a school, not merely a means by which some learning was acquired to turn to immediate account commercially or otherwise; they had rather suggested that, when education was spoken of as a ladder by which a successful boy or girl might climb above his or her original surroundings to something higher and better, that, after all, was only a part of its function and that education brought its reward to the successful and the unsuccessful and unambitious alike, by offering a training of mind and character which gave a fuller sense of the interest, reality, and seriousness of life.

MR. CROOKS said there seemed to be an unreality about the discussion. First of all they heard a plea for the ratepayer. Would the hon. Member for West Ham, from whom in the course of the debate he heard an interjection, join him in saying that all education should be paid for out of the Imperial Exchequer so that they might get rid of all questions as to the inequality in the matter of education of local burdens? When he heard of the difficulty of finding money to put Church schools in a proper sanitary condition be remembered a case in which a plea was put forward that there should be better ventilation in a school. They found it difficult to get money for the purpose, and instead of improving the ventilation they put up a new text. They boasted of having done that. It might be thought from what some people said in discussing questions of education that parents were able to take proper care of their children day and night. As a matter of fact, in the poor districts the training of the children had to be left in the hands of the teacher. What chance had agricultural labourers of attending to the instruction of their children? They considered it a hardship that the children were not allowed to go out and earn a shilling or two. A farm labourer and his wife toiled from morning till night and the instruction of the children was necessarily left in the hands of the teachers. What was wanted was a better class of people to train the children. The training in the secondary schools was not of the class they ought to get. The teachers were very much below the requisite standard. Would the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education help them in that direction? When children won junior scholarships it was difficult to get them to go to the higher elementary and secondary schools to continue their education. What was the cause of that? It was because of a bit of foolishness on the part of the children. Their clothing was not equal to that of the other children attending the secondary schools, and they had a disinclination to go to those schools. Could anything be done to improve matters in that respect? It seemed that the opportunity for acquiring knowledge was limited to those boys and girls who could be well dressed. It was very sad, but it was so. Every child, no matter how humble his or her position in life, should have an opportunity of getting on, and he thought the Education Department should create more secondary schools. By that means the class of children to whom he referred would be able to continue their education. Of late years they had endeavoured to make education a little more attractive. He would never be content with the educational arrangements of the country until the workman's son and daughter were given the same opportunity as the children of the middle and upper classes. Every child should have a square opportunity of gaining the position he was fitted to fill. A good milliner or dressmaker was almost as valuable to the nation as even a learned professor of Oxford or Cambridge. They were useful to the whole community, and certainly they helped to create the wealth of the nation.

Dealing with the question of underfed children attending schools the hon. Member urged that something should be done in this matter at once, and that it should not be put off to next year. The question had been discussed for years, and it would be postponed again and passed on to the hon. Gentleman's successor if the policy which had been pursued in the past were continued. That would not be a very bright outlook for the poor children. He did not think any special grants were required to enable them to feed the children who came to school hungry. Everlasting credit was due to the people who had privately organised a scheme for providing free meals, but they were unable to cover the whole ground. They had the same cry every winter—casual employment, sick father, mother broken down in health, children going to school unfed. In the poorer districts the children, after three years of age, when they had got to feed on other than maternal sustenance, began to fade away and get weaker and weaker. Were they going to keep these children of from three to five years away from school? He hoped not. They were better cared for in schools than in the slums and courts of the East End. Why should these children be kept on private charity? If anyone went into an infirmary he would be amazed to find the number of young men and women who were absolutely broken down because they were insufficiently fed between five and twelve or fifteen years of age. It would never do to have special classes for underfed children in the schools. That would be to put a badge upon them; and children, be they ever so poor, had some sort of natural pride. Nothing could be easier than to provide two meals a day for all children at the board schools; and it could be done at very little expense. There might be a general rush at first, for the novelty of the thing, but the local authority would very soon be able to gauge to a pound how much the scheme would cost. Some people would, no doubt, say that the parents could feed their children if they were only a little more careful, did not drink so much and spend their wages in riotous living. But, be that as it might, it had nothing to do with the children, and it was the children that they had got to look after. If the Education Department was to have regard to the future, they would have to take up this question of feeding the children as one of the first principles of education. When it was said that that would relieve the parents of their responsibility, his answer was that if they did not do this for the children when they were young they would have to pay for it when they were older and became useless members of society. The House of Commons was the place where some help should be given to these poor little children. These should not be starved for the convenience of the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education, of the Treasury, or of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Their duty was clear that when the children were compelled to go to school they should be fed to enable them to get some benefit from their education.

SIR W. HART DYKE (Kent, Dartford) said that they had had a very interesting discussion on many questions of immediate significance in regard to education. There was one part of the speech of his hon. friend who represented the Board of Education which was of very great, immediate, and grave importance in regard to the working of the Education Act. He referred to the training of teachers. His hon. friend had referred to the extraordinary discrepancy there was between the amount of the Parliamentary grant for elementary education and that given for the machinery which was to bring about what they all desired to see accomplished. To his mind that was unbusiness-like when they were dealing with a great national question. He said advisedly that the sooner the State took up the responsibility of training the teachers the better. That was the only security they could have for the smooth and easy working of the Education Act. Many hon. Members knew the difficulties which were gathering round them in regard to this question of the training of teachers. In his own county they had a great scheme for pupil teachers' centres, but there was no security that the adjoining counties were doing anything in the matter. The onus of the training of pupil teachers should not be thrown on the locality. It was a lamentable thing that the claims of higher education had to be ignored by the county authorities owing to the very large burden thrown upon the ratepayers by the training of pupil teachers. In some counties as much as £16,000 or £18,000 was spent for that purpose alone. The result was that the county authorities were reluctant to add to the rates by putting into operation the provisions of the Act with respect to continuation schools and higher education. If that state of things were permitted to continue the work of education would be seriously hampered.

He had hoped that they would have been able that afternoon to talk about education, and not have again to discuss the festering difficulty of which hon. Gentlemen opposite appeared to be so fond. He was old enough to remember Mr. Forster's Act, which enabled children to be sent to church or not, according to the wishes of the parents. If the attendance of children in church for religious instruction was compulsory, there would be a grievance; but it was entirely permissive, and provided the parents did not object he could not see anything objectionable in the practice. With regard to the question of underfed children, he thought it was surrounded with serious difficulties, but it was undoubtedly a great evil in large industrial centres, and he should heartily welcome any attempt to deal with it. Local effort in this direction should be stimulated as far as possible; but, where the public purse was concerned, care should be taken to differentiate as between parent and parent. There should be different treatment for the frugal parent, and the man who, earning good wages, spent three-fourths of it in drink. He knew it was difficult, but it ought not to be impossible, to deal with the question. He would welcome any possible scheme; and he hoped the right hon. Gentleman and his Department would listen with a willing ear to any suggestion that was brought forward.

Mr. BRYCE complained that it was impossible in the time left to them to do justice to the grave questions raised, and that it was also impossible for various Members who desired to do so to bring various grievances and differences in the working of the Act of 1902 before the House. He hoped they would not again have the Education Estimates thrown over to what was practically the last day of the session. He could not conceive by what principle of interpretation it could be held that the taking of children to the church on Ascension Day was religious instruction. It might be a good deal better than instruction, but within the meaning of the Acts of 1870 and 1902 it was not instruction. There was nothing in either the Act of 1870 or that of 1902 to limit the power of the local education authority. The hon. Member for Carnarvon Boroughs and the right hon. Member for Cambridge University touched from different points of view upon a question of the utmost importance, and this was the condition and health of the children. There was one remarkable document which ought to be remembered in this connection. It was not more, he thought, than a month ago that a memorial was presented by a large number of very eminent professional men, physicians and surgeons of the greatest distinction and weight, urging that far more attention should be given to the teaching of principles of health in elementary and secondary schools than was now done. They put it that not only should teachers be instructed in these principles and be directed to give instruction to the children, but that proper provision should be made in the programme or syllabus of the schools for a subject of this extreme importance. He had rather hoped that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education would have adverted to that Report, but he hoped he might at any rate take it that he was not indifferent to its importance and that some attempt would be made by the Board to give effect to it.

*Sir WILLIAM ANSON: Although I did not deal with that at length, I did say I thought something might be done by teaching the elementary principles of health in the schools and pupil teachers' centres.

Mr. BRYCE, proceeding, said he hoped prompt steps would be taken, because it was really a question of urgent importance. He earnestly hoped the Board would make it one of their first duties to teach the principles of health to teachers. The hon. Member for Carnarvon Boroughs had pointed out that the Board of Education, according to the evidence which had reached him, was not doing all that it ought to do to secure that the buildings of elementary schools which were being handed over to the local authorities had been put into a proper hygienic state. He had heard evidence from other parts of the country that the Board had been lax in requiring the local trustee or manager to fulfil what was the clear duty imposed upon him by the the Act of 1902; and the hon. Gentleman had said with great force that if the Board were going to insist upon the scrupulous performance of its duties by the local education authorities, this was all the stronger reason why it should insist upon local managers and trustees doing their part of the duty, which consisted in handing over the buildings in a proper state to secure the health and comfort of the children. This was an aspect of the matter he hoped the Board would bear in mind. If they were going to be exact in one direction, they must at least be as exact in another direction.

Turning to the question of the training of teachers, the hon. Member said that it was rather a matter of national than of local concern, because no local authority spending money upon the training of teachers could count upon retaining those teachers for its own service. Sooner or later the thing would become a national concern, and the expense would have to be paid out of the national Treasury. The whole subect of the training of teachers required radical reform. He entirely objected to denominational colleges, not merely because they were denominational, but because he did not think they were as efficient as they ought to be. He hoped they were not to take what fell from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education as indicating that he was unfavourable to a connection between training colleges and Universities, because he believed the best training colleges were those which had connection with the Universities.

The noble Lord the Member for Greenwich had made the important admission that no system of education could be permanent unless all religious bodies acquiesced in it. This was undeniably true. No system would be satisfactory until they had a much more general consensus of opinion than yet existed. The moral of this remark was that the present system could not last; and he could assure the noble Lord that he and those who thought with him believed it to be the duty of every one, no matter to what denomination he belonged, to endeavour to arrive at an agreement on the subject, to endeavour to put forward moderate and reasonable proposals which would have some chance of meeting the views of reasonable men in all ranks, and, above all, the general views of the parents in the country. It was not the extremists, but the general views and wishes of the parents, which they ought to endeavour to meet. He earnestly hoped that the next few months would be utilised for this purpose, but he did not believe any such arrangement could be arrived at upon the basis of the present Act. He thought it would be absolutely necessary to have new legislation, departing in some considerable respects from the Act of 1902, before this could be attained. That it would be attained in the long run he did not for a moment doubt, but he hoped that the spirit in which he believed the Secretary to the Board of Education and the noble Lord desired to approach the subject would so far prevail that it would be seen that the Act of 1902 could not be maintained, and that every one would endeavour to find remedies for the existing evils in amendments of the Act which could be accepted with the least debate and controversy.

*Mr. DUKE (Plymouth) said the true religious feeling of the country would welcome the remarks just made by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for South Aberdeen. During the long and often embittered debates on the Education Act of 1902 the great obstacle to anything like agreement was the religious controversy, and the difficulties had been aggravated rather than diminished by the subsequent course of events. If the right hon. Gentleman's speech introduced anything like a rational spirit into the controversy it would mark a very wholesome new departure. But the Secretary to the Board of Education must not lay the flattering unction to his soul that the happy time was at hand when it would be possible to disregard that religious controversy and consider the interests of education altogether apart from the religious divisions which bulked so largely in the question. In his reply to the hon. and learned Member for Stretford the hon. Baronet did not appear to appreciate the substance of the difficulty or the reality of the feeling which existed in the country. The question was not one of the mere technical interpretation of a by-law; it went far deeper than that. The whole question of the association of religion with the education of the children was concerned, and the conflict between the two hostile camps was as to whether the teaching of religion should be isolated from the general educational system in elementary schools. The difficulty could not be disposed of by the statement that a by-law existed which prevented schools from having a time-table in a particular form. What the friends of Church schools desired to know was what practical course the Board of Education were going to take as to the interpretation of the by-laws. Personally he thought it might fairly be argued that the recent interpretation was the more correct, but regard should be had to the fact that Church schools were an institution which had grown up, which had rendered great services to education, which had been fostered by the State and which the State had practically pledged itself to preserve subject to certain conditions, and the Board of Education had to consider whether they would strike out of that institution that which the friends of Church schools regarded as one of its most valuable features. That was the substance of the difficulty, and he believed that on both sides of the House there would be a desire that that difficulty should be met.

And, it being half-past Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this Evening's Sitting.

Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions to be Further Considered at this Evening's Sitting.

EVENING SITTING.

SUPPLY [23RD ALLOTED DAY] [9TH. AUGUST, EVENING SITTING]. REPORT.

Order read, for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question [10th August], "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Fifth Resolution, 'That a sum, not exceeding £7,110,267, be granted for Expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services.'"

Question again proposed.

*MR. DUKE, continuing, said when the situation was examined in the light of what had gone on for many years, there could be no question of the acute character of the difficulty created. Until 1870 no person obviously had any right to raise the question as to the mode in which a manager of the schools then existing, and receiving grants, might think fit to provide religious education for the children in those schools. The trust deeds under which the schools were governed were well known, they were recognised by the Committee of Privy Council dealing with education, and no difficulty arose with regard to them. In 1870 the existing practice was recognised by the Act of that year. Under the Act of 1870 until 1899 the practice was so clear and so entirely unquestioned that in 1899, when apparently the attention of the Committee of the Privy Council for education was definitely called to the matter, there was an authoritative pronouncement that the practice of taking children to church for religious education was a legal practice. With that pronouncement the parties to the struggle over the question remained satisfied from 1899 to 1902. It was admitted that the practice was a legal practice, and although that might be a mistake of those who had the administration of the law with regard to education, it was a mistake they made in common with the Committee of Council itself, and to suggest that the recent declaration of the Board of Education did anything else than revolutionise the practice in this respect was to suggest that which was not the fact. Right or wrong the practice was admitted by the

Board of Education. Now it had been discovered that it was possible to construe the Acts and by-laws in such a way that a practice which was always regarded as a legal practice was to be pronounced an illegal practice, and it was suggested that the managers of the schools were to be content, because that was the result of by-laws sanctioned by the Board of Education. Those who were interested in religious questions would not wonder at all that school managers who had for years carried on their schools in the belief that this was a legal practice were shocked that the Board of Education, by an administrative act, should have condemned it as illegal. This had happened at a critical time. There was an endeavour in some quarters to improve the Church schools out of existence and he hoped the Board of Education would see that this was a time when a discovery, such as that which the recent circular had made, should be handled with a little consideration for those who had undertaken the duties of school managers.

Those who read the correspondence which had passed between the Baptist Minister of a little village in Essex and the Board of Education, would see that there was a totally different manner of dealing with this delicate and difficult question from that exemplified in the recent circular. That circular declared the impossibility of proceeding on the present lines and peremptorily declared them to be illegal. When the case arose with regard to this Baptist school the attitude of the Board of Education was one of sympathy and advice and almost of assistance. Apparently the procedure so simple and easy to adopt in the case of this Baptist school was very difficult to adopt in the case of the Church schools. What Church people desired to know was whether there was a difference made which was unfavourable to Church people. He did not think that that was likely to change the attitude either of Churchmen or the supporters of Church schools. But it would be an unfortunate thing if a small, organised and resolute minority was able to secure from the Board of Education terms which a reasonable consideration did not secure for those who, in past years, had carried on the education of half the children of this country. A letter full of sympathy had been sent to the pastor of that Baptist church who, he agreed, deserved encouragement because of his care for the spiritual interests of the children of his congregation; but in place of that sympathetic letter and the encouragement and advice which was given to the Baptist pastor, what was found for the managers of Church schools was the circular signed by Mr. Morant. It was true that this circular was issued to the inspectors, but it had found its way to the great body of managers of Church schools in the country, and they regarded it as showing a different tone and feeling on the part of the Board of Education towards the managers of Church of England schools to that shown towards the managers of dissenting schools. Nobody supposed that in this matter the Board of Education, with a stroke of the pen, could alter the law or remove all the difficulties.

Mr. LLOYD-GEORGE asked if the hon. and learned Member contended that the interpretation of the law by the Board of Education was incorrect?

*Mr DUKE said there were two interpretations, one of thirty-three years continuance and one of three weeks. It might be the second was correct, but there seemed to be a doubt about it. When the Board of Education came to decide whether the local education authority was reasonable or unreasonable in its requisitions, what he wished to press was that the Board should deal with this question so that Churchmen would not be prevented from having their children taken to church for religious education during the short period which was provided. It was said that there was a danger of proselytising, but that was not the case. What they asked for was limited to the period of instruction which was set down in the time table for religious teaching, whether it was half-an-hour or three-quarters of an hour. It was not sought that any minister of any church should have the right to take any child anywhere, but it was claimed that at the discretion of the managers of the school it should be possible to give that kind of education to the children of members of the Church of England which they desired and in the manner in which they had been accustomed to receive it.

MR. AUSTIN TAYLOR (Liverpool, E. Toxteth) said he wished to say a few words in support of the Board of Education and the attitude they had taken up in this matter. He had gathered during the debate that the point they were discussing was originated by a Question put by one of his colleagues representing Liverpool which had elicited the ruling which formed the subject of so much of this discussion. He thought they might have asked themselves whether there really was a religious difficulty in this matter of education. The noble Lord the Member for Greenwich had left no doubt that, in his opinion, there was such a difficulty, because he was careful to explain in detail the objections which the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Church must feel to that mutilated form of religion which was described as undenominational. The hon. Baronet the Secretary to the Board of Education read out some details about attendances at schools which might have led the House to think that it was a matter of entire indifference whether the children attended a Wesleyan or a Roman Catholic school, and this caused a ripple of somewhat cynical laughter amongst his hon. friends, who consoled themselves with the belief that there was no religious difficulty outside the House. But later on he dashed their hopes to the ground because he instanced the case of a clergyman who insisted in the teeth of the local education authority in taking 500 children from school to church on Ascension Day. Although he did not agree with his noble friend the Member for Greenwich in his general attitude upon these educational matters he thought he was nearer the truth when he said that there was a real religious difficulty than those who said that no such difficulty existed outside the House. He did not desire to take up the time of the House discussing the legal aspects of this question. His hon. friend the Member for Plymouth had practically admitted that at any rate it was not clear that there was nothing in the contention of the Board of Education. He understood that their ruling amounted to this, that the local education authority inherited or had the power to determine whether or not religious education should be given elsewhere than in a school during school hours. He thought that the position which followed from the Acts of 1870 and 1876 was distinctly strengthened by the Act of 1902, which threw on the local education authority the cost of maintaining these schools apart from the upkeep and expense of the fabric.

He wished to say a few words as to the expediency of the policy which had been adopted by the Board of Education. What was it that caused the insertion of the Kenyon-Slaney Clause in the Act of 1902? It was nothing less, if his memory served him right, than some of those very practices of taking children from the school to the church to attend services which were repugnant to the parents of the children. This led the Government to recognise a feeling that they were bound to give expression to in the Act of 1902. He did not desire to go into controversies which perhaps were not acute at the moment, but were still acute enough to cause trouble in the future. It was well-known that in many churches the children were taken to children's Eucharists and masses, which were repugnant to Nonconformists, and aroused a feeling of indignation of which the Government were bound to take heed. In the overwhelming majority of the 8,000 single-school areas the only school was the Church school. That of itself was a hardship of which the House was bound to take note. Many of the scholars were the children of Nonconformist or Protestant Anglican parents who entirely objected to their children attending services of which they did not approve. It had been said that they need not attend without their parents' consent. But how was the consent of the parents to be obtained? Everybody who knew the conditions of village life must recognise that it was an invidious thing for a child to be withdrawn from religious instruction under the Conscience Clause. Therefore, if at the wish of the clergyman the children were assembled in the school and the request was made that they should attend a particular service in church on a particular Saint's Day, there might not be compulsion, but there was a kind of moral coercion which they might not find themselves in a position to resist. The difficulty arose largely in the case of the single-school areas. If they had an adequate system of education, catering impartially both for those who were in favour of denominational instruction and those who desired what some people were pleased to call a torso of religion, these difficulties would not arise. They could all agree upon the ideal in this matter, that they should banish from their education the religious difficulty once for all. It was perfectly easy to agree upon an ideal, provided it was made wide enough, and the terms were not too strictly defined. It was when they came to practical proposals that the real difficulties asserted themselves. On a balance of grievance he considered that the hardship suffered by Nonconformists was more rather than less than that suffered by Churchmen. In towns they always had a choice of schools. It was in the country districts that this particular difficulty arose. He was glad that the Government recognised the fact, and were prepared to safeguard the interests of the children, and to prevent them from being insidiously proselytised from the faith of their parents. He was glad his hon. friend the Secretary to the Board of Education had taken the stand which he had done in this matter. The support which the Secretary to the Board of Education had received from his own side might not have been so vocal as the attacks that had been made upon him, but it was none the less real and substantial, and he hoped the hon. Gentleman would persevere in the extension of the principles of the Act of 1902 which was laid down in his ruling on this question.

Mr. EMMOTT (Oldham) said he would resist the temptation to refer to many interesting topics which had been discussed in the course of the debate. He simply rose for the purpose of putting one Question to the hon. Baronet the Secretary to the Board of Education. A year or so ago he raised in the House some question connected with the staff of the Special Inquiry Department of the Board of Education. He asked the hon. Baronet whether the work which was at that time in course of preparation in that Department, and some special reports with which some progress had then been made, were going to be continued and the reports published. The reports about which he asked specifically related to the industrial training of native races, the educational system of Russia, the secondary education system in France, and the education system in Germany, and the hon. Baronet assured him that the work would be continued in the same way and that reports would be published. But thirteen months had passed and the only report which had been issued was a very tiny report relating to the question of Lancashire children who were working half time. What was the Department now doing with regard to the reports about which he asked thirteen months ago, and were they going to be given to the public or not? If not, why had the change been made.

Mr. ERNEST GRAY (West Ham, N.) said he wished to congratulate the hon. Baronet, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education on the course which the debate had taken. Those who heard the discussions on the Education Bill in 1902 would recollect that statements were freely made to the effect that that Bill, when it became an Act, would not work, that it would give no end of trouble in its administration, and that the whole wrath of the country would be poured on the head of his hon. friend. The empty Benches opposite that afternoon showed how much foundation there was for those vaticinations. The subject which had occupied the attention of the House was the recent decision of the Board of Education in regard to religious instruction. It was probable that he was one of three men in the House who had had practical experience on that subject. He had taken part in it for twenty years, and, although he did not speak as a lawyer, he spoke as one closely acquainted with the Education Act, and he believed that no other decision could have been come to than that arrived at by the hon. Baronet. The by-law laid it down that the attendance of children was to be in school from nine to twelve o'clock, and the children could not be taken out of school to go to church between those hours. As a mere question of policy the decision of the

Board of Education was right. There were many parents who were quite prepared to accept for their children the religious teaching in the school, but they said that religious teaching in the church was not of the same character as in the school, and it would be quite unfair that the children should be taken to church services which the parents could not approve of.

There was no problem of greater importance or urgency in the field of education than the training of teachers. Local authorities were hesitating in every direction as to what they should do, and there was no uniformity of practice. His hon. friend, he knew, recognised the difficulty, but had offered no solution. His own opinion was that the State must eventually take into its own hands the training of teachers, and not throw that duty upon the local authorities. He wished to refer to the action of the West Riding County Council in deciding to deduct from the salaries of the teachers in voluntary schools the time given by them to denominational teaching. He suggested that such a practice was quite illegal and would bring the West Riding County Council under the purview of the Bill which had just passed its Third Reading (the Education Defaulting Authorities Bill). He believed some members of the West Riding County Council, in adopting the resolution to which he referred, were acting in ignorance, and he wanted to give the Secretary to the Board of Education an opportunity of making a statement to the public. A resolution of that character inflicted immense misery on teachers, and he wanted the hon. Baronet to declare that night that the West Riding County Council, in insisting on carrying out that resolution, would be acting contrary to law. He submitted that this was an urgent question demanding some statement from the hon. Baronet before the House.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY (Sir A. ACLAND-HOOD, Somersetshire, Wellington) appealed to the House to allow this Vote to pass now.

Question put, and agreed to.

SUPPLY [9TH AUGUST, EVENING SITTING] REPORT.

Order read, for Further Consideration of Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions.

Sixth and Seventh Resolutions postponed.

Eighth Resolution—

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, 'That a sum, not exceeding £63,497, be granted for Expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services.'"

MR. BLAKE (Longford, S.) said he wished to take the opportunity of making some protest against the course pursued by the Government in regard to Irish Estimates during the present session and at this time. This Irish Development Grant was a new Parliamentary departure, based on sound principles in so far as it secured to Ireland a proportionate sum to the Equivalent Grant given to England. Criticism had come from both sides of the House that the plan adopted by the right hon. Gentleman interfered with Parliamentary freedom of action. His contention was that the Estimates should show the amount of balances, and the manner in which they were to be applied from year to year. Now this Estimate was discussed on the Vote on Account on the 16th March, and the suggestion was then made as to the importance and propriety of devoting a large sum having application to the Development Fund to the subject of primary education in Ireland, inasmuch as it was that subject that was the source of the original grant. On that occasion this particular was referred to by his hon. friend the Member for Waterford, namely, what was necessary to enable the attendance to be reduced from sixty to fifty in primary schools in order that an assistant teacher might be allowed for schools with the reduced number of pupils. The right hon. Gentleman the Chief Secretary considered that subject, and made a suggestion favourable to it, and it was indicated that it might be favourably dealt with at a future time by a Supplementary

Estimate, about which there could be no difficulty. Since that time, until the 4th of August, nothing was done in a Parliamentary sense. There might have been some *pourparlers* and negotiations for proceeding with this Estimate, but no Supplementary Estimate was produced; a Paper, however, called a revised Estimate was laid upon the Table on the 4th August, and that document altered both the amount of the proposed grant for the year and the character of the application. The original Estimate comprised an item of £75,000, which was only nominally under consideration, because by the Irish Land Act it was expressly provided that what was necessary was pledged out of the Development Grant. What were free from discussion were items in the original Estimate of £39,000. Out of this £39,000, £21,000 was dropped in the revised Estimate, an amount more than half the original Estimate. The new Estimate consisted of £63,900, of which £39,412 was absolutely new so far as the original Estimate was concerned. He should have thought that a Supplementary Estimate was necessary in order to properly introduce this subject in Supply at all. But instead of that this revised Estimate was produced, and then that morning, owing to the operation of the guillotine, the whole Vote was passed through without any opportunity of discussion, and to-night they had but a few moments allowed before the guillotine fell again, during which to say a few words upon this Vote. He protested against this method of dealing with any Parliamentary Vote and still more with reference to this particular Parliamentary Vote. What was the efficiency of the security insisted upon and stipulated for if the original Vote was to be so distorted and changed as this Vote had been? Nearly half of the original Vote was being withdrawn, and a sum equal to the whole amount of the original Vote was being introduced as late as the 4th August without any explanation from the Minister in charge and without any opportunity for discussion. He made this protest now and he would not waste words upon it. It would be a delusion and a snare if such a course as this were to form a precedent at all. He protested against such a method of conducting business, and against the security Parliament supposed itself to be possessed of as to the appropriation of public money being absolutely thrown on one side by the course now pursued. All that would have been necessary to do this thing regularly was at some period after the 16th March to have reached some calculations and to have put those calculations upon the Paper so that the views of the country and of Parliament in reference to the old items, the items omitted and the new items inserted might be obtained.

He would say a few words in reference to the substance of the matter as it now stood. He had said what he desired to say so as to prevent this from being turned into a precedent, and to insist that they should have the right to full discussion, and have ample time for discussion, upon this Vote in a future session. What remained of the free part of the old Estimate consisted of the Marlborough Street Schools, upon which his hon. friend the Member for Waterford made a full statement on the 16th March, to which he did not wish to add anything and which might be summarised in this way—that whereas there was a time at which it was said that the building account for this institution and the three other institutions should cease and that they should be put upon a fair footing by arrangements made in 1900 and completed in 1902, that was now being departed from by a grant being made out of this fund to one of these four institutions—Marlborough Street Training College—while the others were placed in an unequal condition by being compelled to build at the expense of the Roman Catholic Church. No provision was made for these institutions, while £50,000 was given to the Marlborough Street College. He would add also, as his hon. friend said upon that occasion, that with reference to the Training College Vote it was an old claim, a claim made before the Development Grant was thought of—and it exemplified the danger they had feared from the beginning, that this might be used as machinery for taking out of purely Irish funds for Irish purposes sums that ought to borne by the Treasury and by the general taxation of the country.

Well, then, there was £1,000 for the Bann, which he supposed the right hon.

Gentleman would expend. He thought they all understood that it did not serve its purpose. They saw what the purpose was, and how little it was served, but it went. Then there was the question of the Tralee and Dingle Railway, which appeared not to have been satisfactory to the right hon. Gentleman's own mind, since in the interval he had dropped it. In the new Estimate he was delighted to see the Vote for the half-year for the assistant teachers in the national schools for the purposes to which he had already alluded. He only wished that a much larger proportion of this part of the Development Grant had been reserved for the purposes of primary education in Ireland. Considering the needs of primary education it was deeply to be regretted that any subject with which Parliament was free to deal should be given a pre-eminence over education. The provision of a dredger was open to the same observation, and it had also to be noted that needs of this description had hitherto been met by the Treasury out of general taxation, so that this was another instance of a purely local fund being applied to a purpose which had hitherto been provided for otherwise. It was not only the initial expenditure, but the permanent running charge of £3,000 a year which had to be taken into account. With regard to the railway grant, that was a dangerous kind of thing to meddle with, as the right hon. Gentleman knew, but he had made a better choice of railways in taking the Newry instead of the Tralee and Dingle line, and in that sense the present proposal was an improvement. He could only repeat that his main purpose in rising was to prevent in another session what the right hon. Gentleman seemed to have been successful in doing this year, and against which he had entered his protest.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND (Mr. WYNDHAM, Dover) said that so far as the hon. Member's protest was against the form of this revised Estimate he agreed that it ought not to be a precedent, but he would remind the House that the Estimate presented at the beginning of the year was introduced under wholly exceptional circumstances which could not recur. The principle of this Development Grant was instituted only last year, at a time when attention was absorbed in the passing of the Land Bill. During the autumn he had to enter into very complicated financial arrangements with the Treasury in order to start the Land Bill and the Department, so that it was physically impossible to have an Estimate at all at the beginning of the year. He therefore adopted the device of introducing a skeleton Estimate, promising that it should be revised in the course of the session in accordance with the opinions of hon. Members from all parts of Ireland. He could not quite accept the suggestion that the whole of the sum was to be given to education. Upon the original Estimate in its exceptional form he put two items which ought not to be placed upon a normal Estimate, viz., a sum of money for the Tralee and Dingle Railway, stating at the time that no money could be spent this year unless a satisfactory arrangement was arrived at with the Great Southern and Western Railway, and a sum of money for the Bann drainage. The arrangement with the railway was not completed, and unless it was completed before December he would proceed on alternative lines. As to the Bann drainage, he must consider the very important report which had been presented on that subject before he could frame any scheme for dealing with the matter. He thought these considerations justified the omissions from the revised Estimate. As to the additions, the reduction from sixty to fifty for attendance was, he believed, the unanimous desire of all hon. Members for Ireland, and the same was true in a substantial degree with regard to the dredger. The provision of a dredger would enable greater attention to be given to the eastern portion of Ireland than hitherto, but it would, of course, go round the country. In the same way the selection of the Newry Railway was supported by a very large body of Members. The dredger and the railway represented capital charges which in no way prevented the money ultimately going to educational objects when some proper method of allocating the money had been devised. So much of this money as was not expended in the year passed out of the range of the burdens imposed in respect of the Land Bill; it went into the capital account, and could be distributed at leisure. It was evident, therefore, that it would be possible to devote a great portion of the money to education when the proper time came. He might point out that the hon. Member was unduly sanguine if he thought he could get all these moneys upon the ordinary Votes. These were purposes to which money was not devoted in England; therefore money peculiarly Irish had to be devoted to them, or the purposes could not be served at all.

And, it being Ten of the clock, Mr. SPEAKER, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report of the Resolution then under consideration.

Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. SPEAKER then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of each Class of the Civil Services Estimates, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Revenue Departments Estimates.

CIVIL SERVICES ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

CLASS I.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS II.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS III.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS IV.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS V.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

CLASS VI.

Question, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Services Estimates," put, and agreed to.

NAVY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Navy Estimates."

The House divided: Ayes, 187; Noes, 40. (Division List No. 332.)

AYES.

Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt. Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A.J. (Manch'r
Balfour, Rt. Hn Gerald W. (Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach, Rt. Hn. Sir Michael Hicks
Benn, John Williams
Bhownaggree, Sir M. M.
Bigwood, James
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bolton, Thomas Dolling
Boulnois, Edmund
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Caldwell, James
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish, V.C.W (Derbyshire)
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Chamberlain, Rt. Hn. J.A (Worc.
Chapman, Edward
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Corbett, T. L. (Down, North)

Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crooks, William
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Cust, Henry John C.
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, W. Bromley-
Davies, Alfred (Carmarthen
Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin
Dyke, Rt. Hon. Sir William Hart
Elibank, Master of
Emmott, Alfred
Evans, Sir Francis H. (Maidstone
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Firbank, Sir Joseph Thomas
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Fuller, J. M. F.
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, South
Gore, Hon. S. F. Ormsby-
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Greene, W. Raymond-(Cambs.)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Guest, Hon. Ivor Churchill
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hamilton, Marq. of (L'donderry
Harwood, George
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hatch, Ernest Frederick Geo.
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur H. (Hanley)
Heath, James (Staffords., N.W.
Helder, Augustus
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Hermon-Hodge, Sir Robert T.
Hope, J.F. (Sheffield, Brightside
Hornby, Sir William Henry
Houston, Robert Paterson
Howard, J. (Midd., Tottenham
Hozier, Hn. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hn. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Jones, William (Carnarvonsh.)
Kennaway, Rt. Hn. Sir John H
Kenyon, Hn. Geo. T. (Denbigh
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants., Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N.S.
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long, Rt. Hn. Walter (Bristol, S.)
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft
Lucas, Reginald J. (Portsmouth)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
MacIver, David (Liverpool)
Maconochie, A. W.
M'Arthur, Charles (Liverpool)
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Mildmay, Francis Bingham
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, D. J. (Walthamstow)
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt. Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington)
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Percy, Earl
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederick Carne
Ratcliff, R. F.
Rea, Russell
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Samuel, S. M. (Whitechapel)
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Skewes-Cox, Thomas
Sloan, Thomas Henry
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Talbot, Lord E. (Chichester)
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Tomkinson, James
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Tufnell, Lieut.-Col. Edward
Ure, Alexander
Valentia. Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Webb, Colonel William George
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whiteley, H (Ashton und. Lyne
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Worsley-Taylor, Henry Wilson
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Abraham, William (Cork, N. E.
Bell, Richard
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Cremer, William Randal
Dalziel, James Henry
Delany, William
Devlin, Charles Ramsay (Galw'y
Doogan, P. C.
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Harcourt, Lewis V. (Rossendale
Higham, John Sharpe
Horniman, Frederick John
Kennedy, P. J. (Westmeath, N.
Kilbride, Denis
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
M'Kenna, Reginald
Moss, Samuel
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Robson, William Snowdon
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Sullivan, Donal
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Wallace, Robert
Walton, Joseph (Barnsley)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. David Thomas and Mr. Brynmor Jones.

ARMY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Army Estimates."

The House divided:—Ayes, 169; Noes, 68. (Division List No. 333.)

AYES.

Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, RtHn. A.J. (Manch'r.)
Balfour, RtHn. Gerald W. (Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach, Rt Hn. Sir Michael Hicks
Bhownaggree, Sir M. M.
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Boulnois, Edmund
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hn. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish, V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain, RtHn. J.A. (Worc.
Chapman, Edward
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Corbett, T. L. (Down, North)
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crooks, William
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Cust, Henry John C.
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, W. Bromley-
Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin
Dyke, Rt. Hn Sir William Hart
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Firbank, Sir Joseph Thomas
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, S.
Gore, Hon. S. F. Ormsby-
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury
Greene, W. Raymond-(Cambs.)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hamilton, Marq. of (L'donderry)
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hatch, Ernest Frederick Geo.
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords., N.W.
Helder, Augustus
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Hermon-Hodge, Sir Robert T.
Hope, J.F. (Sheffield, Brightside
Hornby, Sir William Henry
Houston, Robert Paterson
Howard, J. (Midd., Tottenham)
Hozier, Hon. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Kennaway, Rt. Hn. Sir John H.
Kennedy, P. J. (Westmeath, N.
Kenyon, Hn. Geo. T. (Denbigh
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants., Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N. S.
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long, RtHn Walter (Bristol, S.)
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lucas, Reginald J (Portsmouth
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
MacIver, David (Liverpool)
Maconochie, A. W.
M'Arthur, Charles (Liverpool)
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Mildmay, Francis Bingham
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, D. J. (Walthamstow)
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt. Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington
Percy, Earl
Pierpoint, Robert
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederic Carne
Ratcliff, R. F.
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Sloan, Thomas Henry
Smith, Hon. W.F.D. (Strand)
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Talbot, Lord E. (Chichester)
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Tufnell, Lieut.-Col. Edward
Valentia, Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Webb, Colonel William George
Whiteley, H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Worsley-Taylor, Henry Wilson
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Alexander Acland - Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES

Abraham, William (Cork, N.E.
Bell, Richard
Benn, John Williams
Bolton, Thomas Dolling
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood

Broadhurst, Henry
Caldwell, James
Cremer, William Randal
Dalziel, James Henry
Davies, Alfred (Carmarthen)
Delany, William
Devlin,Charles Ramsay(Galw'y
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Elibank, Master of
Emmott, Alfred
Evans,SirFrancisH.(Maidstone
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Fowler, Rt. Hon. Sir Henry
Fuller, J. M. F.
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Guest, Hon. Ivor Churchill
Harcourt, Lewis V.(Rossendale
Harwood, George
Higham, John Sharpe
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jones,David Brynmor(Swansea
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leese,SirJoseph F. (Accrington
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Moss, Samuel
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Robson, William Snowdon
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Samuel, S. M. (Whitechapel)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Spence,RtHn.C.R.(Northants.)
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David A. (Merthyr)
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Ure, Alexander
Wallace, Robert
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. Lough and Mr. Joseph Walton.

REVENUE DEPARTMENTS ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Question put, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates."

The House divided—Ayes, 166; Noes, 70. (Division List No. 334.)

AYES.

Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster,Rt.Hn.Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour,Rt.Hn.GeraldW(Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach,Rt.Hn.Sir Michael Hicks
Bhownaggree, Sir M. M.
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Boulnois, Edmund
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hn. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish,V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain,Rt.Hn.J.A.(Worc
Chaplin, Rt. Hon. Henry
Chapman, Edward
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Corbett, T. L. (Down, South)
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Cust, Henry John C.
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies,Sir HoratioD.(Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin
Dyke, Rt. Hn. Sir William Hart
Fergusson,Rt.Hn.SirJ.(Manc'r.
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Firbank, Sir Joseph Thomas
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, S.)
Gore, Ho. S. F. Ormsby-
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D.(Shrewsbury)
Greene, W. Raymond-(Cambs.)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hambro, Charles Eric
Hamilton,Marq of(L'nd'nderry
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hatch, Ernest Frederick Geo.
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath,Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords. N.W.
Helder, Augustus
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Hope,J.F.(Sheffield, Brightside
Hornby, Sir William Henry
Houston, Robert Paterson
Howard, J. (Midd., Tottenham
Hozier, Hn. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hn. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Kennaway, Rt. Hn. Sir JohnH.
Kenyon, Hn. Geo. T. (Denbigh
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpol)
Lee,ArthurH.(Hants.,Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N.S.
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long,Rt.Hn.Walter(Bristol,S.)
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lucas,Reginald J. (Portsmouth
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
MacIver, David (Liverpool)
Maconochie, A. W.
M'Arthur, Charles (Liverpool)
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Mildmay, Francis Bingham
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, D. J. (Walthamstow)
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur

Murray, Rt Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington)
Percy, Earl
Pierpoint, Robert
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederic Carne
Ratcliff, R. F.
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Sloan, Thomas Henry
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Talbot, Lord E. (Chichester)
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Tufnell, Lieut.-Col. Edward
Valentia, Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Webb, Colonel William George
Whiteley, H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Worsley-Taylor, Henry Wilson
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

Tellers for the Ayes—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Abraham, William (Cork, N.E.)
Bell, Richard
Benn, John Williams
Bolton, Thomas Dolling
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Caldwell, James
Cremer, William Randal
Crooks, William
Dalziel, James Henry
Davies, Alfred (Carmarthen)
Delany, William
Devlin, Charles Ramsay (Galw'y
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Elibank, Master of
Emmott, Alfred
Evans, Sir Francis. H (Maidstone
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Fowler, Rt. Hon. Sir Henry
Fuller, J. M. F.
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Guest, Hon. Ivor Churchill
Harcourt, Lewis V. (Rossendale)
Harwood, George
Higham, John Sharpe
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jones, David B. (Swansea)
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leese, Sir Joseph F. (Accrington
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Moss, Samuel
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Pease, J. A. (Saffron, Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Robson, William Snowdon
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Samuel, S. M. (Whitechapel)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Spencer, Rt. Hn. C. R (Northants.
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David A. (Merthyr)
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Ure, Alexander
Walton, Joseph (Barnsley)
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Wallace.

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL.

Not amended (by the Standing Committee), considered.

Mr. BRYNMOR JONES (Swansea District) said he had put down this Amendment in order to have an opportunity of asking the Attorney-General to explain the meaning of the words "including the repealed portions thereof." He should like to ask what were the repealed portions of the Act, and, if they were repealed, why they were repealed, and why they should now be restored in this Bill. He begged to move.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 1, line 6, to leave out the words 'including the repealed portions thereof.'"—(*Mr. Brynmor Jones.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Sir Robert Finlay, Inverness Burghs) said that the machinery of the Act of 1878, which provided for the creation of four Bishoprics, was being utilised for the creation of the new Bishoprics of Birmingham and Southwark. All that was required was to see that the machinery should be applicable to these two new Bishoprics with certain modifications. He thought there was no objection to dealing with the Act of 1878 in that way.

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.) expressed the opinion that this was one of the worst examples of legislation by reference that it was possible to find. He did not think the reasons given by the hon. and learned Gentleman for re-enacting these repealed clauses were sufficient. If they were to be re-enacted they should be re-enacted seriatim in this Bill. It was an extraordinary thing to suggest that these clauses should be revived in this way, and he appealed to the House to leave out these words.

Mr. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid.) asked whether there was any precedent for what was being done in this case. He reminded the House that in legislation by reference Acts of Parliament were referred to which were extant. That was quite intelligible, but to refer to clauses of an Act which had been repealed and were not operative, was an unheard-of thing to do. If a copy of the 1878 Act was referred to, these repealed clauses would not be found in it, and, if the Act was printed without these sections, how were they to know where these repealed clauses were. This was quite a novel proceeding, and the Attorney-General must know that there was no precedent for it. The whole object of it was, in his opinion, to get the Bill through easily. If these clauses had been put into the Bill it would not have been easy to get it through the House. The Bill had been drafted in the fewest possible words for the simple purpose of reducing the difficulty of getting it through the House.

Mr. MOSS (Denbighshire, E.) asked how Section 10 of the Act of 1874, which had reference only to the Archdeacon of St. Albans, would be relevant to the present Bill.

Sir ROBERT FINLAY said there were provisions of special significance in the Act of 1874 which were necessary for the Bishopries there dealt with, but provisions such as that dealing with St Albans would not, of course, relate to the Bishoprics of Birmingham and Southwark.

Mr. WHITLEY (Halifax) thought the explanation of the Attorney-General only made the matter worse. It would be quite absurd to retain the words, "and the repealed portions thereof." Why should not the particular section be enumerated, so that people might know exactly what was meant? It really seemed as though the Law Officers did not know what had and what had not been repealed, and unless the clause were amended he should support his hon. friend in the division.

Mr. HIGHAM (Yorkshire, W.R., Sowerby) pointed out that the Act of 1878, by which four new Bishoprics were created, was passed amid energetic protests and without adequate discussion, in the month of August, and now this Bishoprics Bill was being passed under exactly similar conditions. The present Bill, however, was even more ridiculous. The Act of 1878 referred back to Acts of Queen Anne and George III., so that the Bill now under discussion was based not only upon the Act of 1878, but upon Acts of Queen Anne and George III.

*Mr. SPEAKER: I do not see that this has anything to do with the Amendment.

Mr. CALDWELL pointed out that it was part of the repealed portions which were to apply to this Bill.

Sir ROBERT FINLAY: No, it is not.

Mr. CALDWELL: Section 2 is a repealed portion.

*Mr. HIGHAM said that no proof had been brought forward of the need for additional Episcopal supervision, and the people of Yorkshire would strongly deny any such necessity.

*Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member's observations might have been relevant on the Second Reading, but they are not relevant to this Amendment.

Mr. GEORGE WHITELEY (Yorkshire, W.R., Pudsey) thought the House was being asked to take a most unreasonable course. When they took out of the Act of 1878 the portions repealed there was very little left. He had copied out the repealed portions of the Act, and they covered four closely written foolscap pages. Those were practically dead clauses and they did not exist on the Statute-book. After being defunct for ten years they were being resurrected and revivified and imported into an Act of Parliament. That was a very unusual proceeding. These clauses had been dead for ten years and the House could have no knowledge of them except by turning up the original Act of 1878. This was an unheard-of proceeding, and perhaps the learned Attorney-General would tell them how much of the original Act of 1878 now existed. He hoped these clauses would be incorporated and set out in the Bill.

MR. DALZIEL (Kirkcaldy Burghs) said he hoped the right hon. Gentleman would pay some heed to the arguments which had been put forward in favour of this Amendment. He ventured to think that had it not been for the hurry to get measures through at this period of the session the fairness of the arguments in support of this Amendment would have been recognised. They were proposing to pass a Bill which referred to Birmingham and Southwark, and they were at the same time introducing something which was altogether foreign to the purpose of the Bill. He doubted whether it was in accordance with the rules of the House to do what the Government proposed to do, because by the Bill as it stood they were ignoring an Act of Parliament which had already been passed, and which dealt with something altogether different to the purposes of this Bill. When they were directly repealing or re-enacting a particular portion of an Act of Parliament surely it ought to be clearly set out. He supported the Amendment because it dealt with this all-important question of legislation by reference. After the many protests they had made upon previous occasions he never expected to hear any more of this practice being adopted. The references alone would take anybody a couple of hours to look up. It ought not to be necessary to spend hours in the Library to understand what they were asked to do by this Bill. The protest they were making was a protest against the policy of the Government with regard to this practice. The Government seemed to him when they were instructing the draftsman to tell him that they would like his work all the better if he could put the question into one clause, so as to exclude all possibility of Amendments. In ordinary circumstances it would be only reasonable to ask the Government to insert just what they wanted to carry out. He submitted that the Amendment was one which ought to be accepted. He urged the right hon. Gentleman to adjourn the debate upon this Bill in order that he might bring forward a clause drafted more in accordance with the object they had in view. If the olive branch was not held out from the Treasury Bench he hoped his hon. friend would press his Amendment to a division.

*SIR FRANCIS POWELL (Wigan) said that this Bill was introduced in March, and on the 16th of May his hon. friend who had moved this Amendment made exactly the same proposal, and after full discussion he withdrew it.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think that relates to the Amendment before the House.

*SIR FRANCIS POWELL said that it was exactly the same Amendment which was negatived without a division by the Standing Committee on Law.

MR. SPEAKER: I thought the hon. Member was speaking of a Bill which had been previously passed.

*SIR FRANCIS POWELL said he was much gratified by the tone adopted in the Standing Committee.

MR. BRYNMOR JONES said the hon. Member was technically accurate. The fact was that he did not press the matter to a division because he saw he was in a hopeless minority. He merely mentioned that fact to the House to show that there was no ground for complaint.

*SIR FRANCIS POWELL said he thought the tone of the discussion on that occasion was a sign of union and co-operation, and a desire to make the national Church useful. He hoped the same tone would prevail on the present occasion.

MR. BROADHURST (Leicester) said he wished to direct the attention of the Prime Minister to the statement made by the hon. Member for Mid-Lanark that there were certain clauses referred to which had no existence in law. Without these clauses the House could not possibly understand the Bill. Surely they were entitled to be told where they would find the lost clauses. He understood the Attorney-General to say that they had been repealed. If they were repealed they were not law. The hon. and learned Gentleman then went on to say that none of them knew how much or how little had been repealed. If the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, and the Prime Minister did not know whether these clauses had been repealed or not how were uninstructed people to get at the facts? He hoped the Prime Minister would come to the aid of the House in a matter of such vital importance as this.

Question put.

The House divided:—Ayes, 150; Noes, 62. (Division List, No. 335.)

AYES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster,Rt.Hn Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour,Rt.Hn. A.J. (Manch'r.)
Balfour,Rt.Hn.GeraldW.(Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach,RtHn.Sir Michael Hicks
Bhownaggree, Sir M. M.
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Boscawen, Arthur Griffith-
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hn. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish,V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
ChamberlanRt.Hn. J.A.(Worc.
Chapman, Edward
Churchill, Winston Spencer
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies,Sir HoratioD.(Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Dyke,Rt.Hn. Sir William Hart
Fergusson,Rt.Hn.Sir J.(Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Firbank, Sir Joseph Thomas
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hambro, Charles Eric
Hamilton,Marq.of(L'nd'nderry
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath,Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords. N.W.)
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Hozier,Hn. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hn. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Kennaway, Rt.Hn. Sir John H.
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Lee,ArthurH.(Hants.,Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long,Rt.Hn.Walter (Bristol,S.)
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lucas,ReginaldJ.(Portsmouth)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
MacIver, David (Liverpool)
Maconochie, A. W.
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Mildmay, Francis Bingham
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, D. J. (Walthamstow)
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray,Rt.Hn.A.Graham(Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease,HerbertPike(Darlington)
Percy, Earl
Pierpoint, Robert
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederic Carne
Ratcliff, R. F.
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Valentia, Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Webb, Colonel William George
Whiteley,H.(Ashton und. Lyne
Whitmore, Chas. Algernon.
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

Tellers for the Ayes—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Abraham, William (Cork,N.E.)
Bell, Richard
Benn, John Williams
Bolton, Thomas Dolling
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Buxton, Sydney Charles
Caldwell, James
Cremer, William Randal
Crooks, William
Dalziel, James Henry
Davies, Alfred (Carmarthen)
Delany, William
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Elibank, Master of
Evans,Sir FrancisH(Maidstone
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Grant. Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Harcourt,Lewis V. (Rossendale
Higham, John Sharpe
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jones, William (Carnarvonsh.)
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leese,SirJoseph F. (Accrington
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Moss, Samuel
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Sloan, Thomas Henry
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David A. (Merthyr)
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Ure, Alexander
Walton, Joseph (Barnsley)
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. Brynmor Jones and Mr. Broadhurst.

MR. BRYNMOR JONES said that in proposing this new clause he had no intention of impeding the passage of this Bill; but it raised the question of the relations between the Episcopal Bench and the House of Lords. He only wished to raise a very minute portion of that question, which he, however, thought was quite relevant to the question before the House. It was said that if the Church of England was to carry out its functions, having regard to the enormous increase in the population, it should have many more new Bishops. The question he wished to raise was, whether it was fair to the older Bishops, some of whom occupied Sees of great historical importance, that they should be passed over by these new Bishops? Some people thought that Bishops should be very great persons indeed, living in great style, and practically occupying the position of Peers of the realm. That was not his view, and therefore he begged to move the new clause standing in his name.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 1, line 12, after the word 'Act, to insert the words 'but no Bishop appointed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to sit and vote in the House of Lords, unless at the time of his appointment he was a Peer of the realm, or shall, after his appointment, become a Peer of the realm by descent or creation.'"—(*Mr. Brynmor Jones.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

SIR ROBERT FINLAY said he hoped the House would be of opinion that it was better to leave this matter in regard to the new Bishops to be dealt with by the general law as embodied in the Act of 1878. The new Bishops would be on the same footing as the other Bishops.

Question put, and negatived.

MR. HIGHAM moved to omit Subsection (*a*) of Schedule I.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 5, to leave out paragraph (a) of Schedule 1."—(*Mr. Higham*)

SIR ROBERT FINLAY said it was desirable that there should be this provision, because power to rearrange boundaries was necessary to the effective working of these bishoprics.

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out to the word 'with,' in page 2, line 10, stand part of the Bill."

*MR. ELLIS GRIFFITH (Anglesey) said he saw no reason why the patronage of the old Bishops should be given to the new Bishops. It was perfecty well known that the Bishops had not done their duty too well. There were High Church and ritualistic practices, and it would be well to safeguard the new

Bishops against temptations of that kind, though he did not suggest that they would succumb to such temptations. If, as a Nonconformist, he had to take part in making new Bishops, he wished to make them as harmless as possible. With that view he supported the Amendment.

Question put.

The House divided: Ayes, 142; Noes, 51. (Division List No. 336.)

AYES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster,Rt Hn.HughO.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A. J. (Manch'r
Balfour,Rt.Hn.GeraldW.(Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley,Sir George C. T.
Beach,Rt.Hn.Sir MichaelHicks
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Boscawen, Arthur Griffith-
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Causton, Richard Knight
Cavendish, V. C. W.(Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain,Rt Hn.J.A(Worc.
Chapman, Edward
Churchill, Winston Spencer
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C.R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crooks, William
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies,Sir Horatio D.(Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Fergusson,Rt.Hn.Sir J.(Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. EdwardAlgernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gladstone,Rt.Hn.HerbertJohn
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hambro, Charles Eric
Hamilton,Marq. of L'nd'nderry
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath,Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords.,N. W.
Henderson, Sir A.(Stafford,W.)
Hozier, Hn. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Captain Herbert Merton
Kennaway,Rt.Hn.Sir John H.
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Lee,ArthurH.(Hants.,Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long,Col.Charles W.(Evesham)
Long,Rt Hn.Walter.(Bristol,S)
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W.F.
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan,DavidJ.(Walthamstow
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray,Rt Hn.A.Graham(Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease,Herbert Pike(Darlington
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Renwick, George
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Stanley,Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk)
Stanley, Rt. Hon. Lord (Lancs.
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Valentia, Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Webb, Colonel William George
Whiteley,H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Whitmore,Charles Algernon
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Abraham, William (Cork,N.E.)
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Broadhurst, Henry
Caldwell, James
Cremer, William Randal
Dalziel, James Henry
Delany, William
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Grant, Corrie
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jones,DavidBrynmor(Swansea
Jones,William(Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leese,Sir Joseph F.(Accrington
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Moss, Samuel
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.

O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifon)
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David Alfred (Merthyr)
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Ure, Alexander
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. Higham and Mr. Ellis Griffith.

MR. HIGHAM moved to omit the words "with his consent," on the ground that if the provision was necessary it was not wise to allow the Bishop of Worcester to block the transfer of patronage.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 10, to leave out the words 'with his consent.'"—(*Mr. Higham.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

SIR ROBERT FINLAY pointed out that it was not unusual, when a transfer of this kind was made, to provide that the consent of the present occupant of the office should be given. It was only in conformity with practice and with what was right that these words should be retained, and he hoped the Amendment would not be pressed.

MR. LOUGH thought the words ought to go. Even if his own judgment was in favour of the intention of the Bill, the Bishop of Worcester might not feel free to consent to something restricting the rights of his successors. The Government ought to have the courage to decide this matter for themselves, and not to put it on the Bishop of Worcester. It was not a matter affecting emoluments or anything in which the Bishop might have any narrow or personal interest; therefore he thought that Amendment should be accepted.

MR. ELLIS GRIFFITH considered that the words constituted a grave reflection upon the Bishop of Worcester, because they suggested that he might withhold his consent to proposals which the Government considered were for the good of the Church. It was very undesirable that patronage in the neighbouring diocese should be exercised by the Bishop of Worcester, and he hoped the Government would agree to omit these words.

MR. MOSS said that unless the words were deleted the schedule would be an absurdity, because it already provided, without the consent of the Bishop, for the re-arrangement of the boundaries and the taking away of rights of patronage, and the matters here dealt with were a necessary consequence.

Question put.

The House divided:—Ayes, 140; Noes, 51. (Division List No. 337.)

AYES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A. J. (Manch'r
Balfour, Rt Hn. Gerald W. (Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach, Rt. Hn. Sir Michael Hicks
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Boscawen, Arthur Griffith-
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Causton, Richard Knight
Cavendish, V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain, Rt Hn (J.A. (Worc
Chapman, Edward
Churchill, Winston Spencer
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hon. Sir John C.R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Dyke, Rt. Hon. Sir William Hart
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Fielden Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Fisher, William Hayes

Fitzroy, Hon. Edward Algernon
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gladstone, Rt. Hn. Herbert John
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hall, Edward Marshall
Hambro, Charles Eric
Hamilton, Marq. of (L'nd'nderry
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords. N.W.
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.)
Hozier, Hon. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jameson, Major J. Eustace
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Captain Herbert Merton
Kennaway, Rt Hon. Sir John H.
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants., Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Llewellyn, Evan Henry
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Charles W. (Evesham
Long, Rt Hn. Walter (Bristol, S.)
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, David J. (Walthamstow
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington
Percy, Earl
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
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Renwick, George
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Sharpe, William Edward T.
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Stanley, Rt. Hon. Lord (Lancs.
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Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
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Whiteley, H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Whitmore, Charles Algernon
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Bell, Richard
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Broadhurst, Henry
Butcher, John George
Caldwell, James
Cremer, William Randal
Crooks, William
Dalziel, James Henry
Delany, Willliam
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jacoby, James Alfred
Jones, David Brynmor (Swansea
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leese, Sir Joseph F. (Accrington
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Partington, Oswald
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David Alfred (Merthyr
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Ure, Alexander
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, George (York, W.R.)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. Higham and Mr. Moss.

MR. CALDWELL moved to omit Sub-section (*b*) in the first schedule, explaining that it was to provide for the apportionment of money obtainable from the sale of Church lands. A sum of £15,000 was to be utilised for the building of a new palace for the Bishop of Rochester. There was a sum of about £60,000 involved, and it seemed to him that two Bishops were about to swallow up all this money between them. The object of his Amendment was to raise a protest against all that money going to the Bishop of Rochester. If there was a sum of £60,000 available for the diocese as a whole, why should practically the whole of it be distributed between two Bishops? That money ought to go to promoting the spiritual welfare of the diocese as a whole. Under this sub-section the Bishop of Rochester got £15,000 for a residence, and he must have a very big salary in order to keep up a house of that kind. Why should the new Bishop not have this money? Why should the Bishop of Rochester have this money for a new residence whilst somebody else took over his old house? He protested against the use of public money for this purpose instead of it being devoted, say, to the raising of the stipends of poor curates in the diocese or in aid of useful parochial work.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 16, to leave out paragraph (b) of Schedule 1."—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

Question proposed, "That the words of paragraph (b) to the word 'fifteen' in page 2, line 21, proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

SIR LEES KNOWLES (Salford, W.) said that the sale of Addington, augmented by the payment by the Archbishop for accrued dilapidations, and reduced by the discharge of a mortgage, raised £46,000, of which £29,000 was devoted to the cost of the site and the erection of the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. That left £17,000, making, with accrued interest, the sum of £19,000 and this provided £15,000 for the new residence of the Bishop of Rochester and £4,000 for the Bishopric of Southwark.

MR. ELLIS GRIFFITH asked what was to become of this money? Was it to be a sort of trust? The money was not being spent to augment the salaries of the poor clergy, but upon two Bishops. He thought £15,000 was a very large sum to spend upon a residence. It was rather a large order, and they ought to have some further explanation from the Government in regard to this proposal.

SIR ROBERT FINLAY said that this money was being spent for a public purpose. If the present residence of the Bishop of Rochester were transferred to the new Bishop of Southwark another residence for the former Bishop would have to be provided, and £15,000 could not be considered an extravagant sum for that purpose. He hoped his hon. friend would not press his Amendment.

SIR WALTER FOSTER (Derbyshire, Ilkeston) said the difficulty about this Bill had arisen from the fact that there were in the proposed new diocese a large number of clergymen carrying on the work of the Church on very insufficient remuneration, and they felt that the sum of £15,000 might be much better spent in allowing the work to be done by individual clergymen than in building a palace for a new Bishop. Hon. Members on that side of the House, who loved the Church probably as much as hon. Members opposite, felt that in the present position of the Church of England thousands and tens of thousands of pounds ought not to be spent in building palaces for Bishops. There were a number of clergymen who had not the wherewithal to carry on their work in a proper manner. He thought that the funds accruing to the Church could be best used to enable the clergymen carrying on the spiritual work of the diocese to do it in a proper way, and this section of the Bill was opposed to that because it placed a large amount of money at the disposal of the Bishop instead of the hard-working clergymen.

SIR WILLIAM TOMLINSON (Preston) said he did not think, all things considered, that £15,000 was too much to provide a suitable house for the efficient conduct of the work the Bishop would have to do.

Question put.

The House divided:—Ayes, 131; Noes, 44. (Division List No. 338.)

AYES

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt. Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A. J. (Manch'.
Balfour, Rt. Hn. Gerald W. (Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach, Rt Hn Sir Michael Hicks
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hn. Sir Edw. H.
Causton, Richard Knight
Cavendish, V. C. W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich
Chamberlain, Rt. Hn. J. A. (Worc
Chapman, Edward
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Cripps, Charles Alfred
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-

Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Dyke, Rt. Hn. Sir William Hart
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r.
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gladstone, Rt. Hn. Herbert John
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Gretton, John
Greville, Hon. Ronald
Hambro, Charles Eric
Hamilton, Marq of (L'nd'nderry
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords. N. W.
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Hozier, Hn. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jeffreys, Rt. Hn. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Kennaway, Rt. Hn. Sir John H.
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants., Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long, Rt. Hn Walter (Bristol, S.
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, D. J. (Walthamstow)
Morpeth, Viscount
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt. Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parkes, Ebenezer
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington)
Percy, Earl
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederic Carne
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Valentia, Viscount
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Webb, Colonel William George
Whiteley, H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Whitmore, Charles Algernon
Williams, Osmond (Merioneth)
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

NOES.

Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Broadhurst, Henry
Cremer, William Randal
Crooks, William
Dalziel, James Henry
Delany, William
Dilke, Rt. Hn. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Ffrench, Peter
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Higham, John Sharpe
Holland, Sir William Henry
Horniman, Frederick John
Jones, David Brynmor (Swansea)
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Lewis, John Herbert
Lough, Thomas
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Moss, Samuel
Murphy, John
Nannetti, Joseph P.
O'Malley, William
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rea, Russell
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Shackleton, David James
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Thomas, David A. (Merthyr)
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Weir, James Galloway
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Tomkinson.

MR. MOSS said he moved his Amendment as a protest against the unequal manner in which the endowments of the Church were distributed. It was a perfect scandal to the Church that some of the most hard-working clergymen in the great centres of the population were only paid £50, while others had salaries amounting to many thousands.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 3, line 17, to leave out the words 'four thousand,' and insert the words 'three thousand five hundred' "—(*Mr. Moss*)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, "That the words 'four thousand' stand part of the Bill."

SIR ROBERT FINLAY said it must be borne in mind that this was a very ancient See indeed, and that the funds for the new Bishopric had been very largely subscribed in the district. Under these circumstances he trusted the hon. Member would not press his Amendment.

Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. CALDWELL said he objected to taking this sum of £800 from the Bishopric of Worcester for the purpose of endowing this new Bishopric of Birmingham. Why should not the people of Birmingham, which was a very wealthy community, raise all the money necessary to endow the new Bishop? They were being asked to transfer £800 from the diocese of Worcester to the diocese of Birmingham; and he was surprised that the people of Birmingham should have made such a suggestion. It was said that the Bishop of Worcester had consented; but the proposal would not operate during the lifetime of the present Bishop.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 3, line 29, to leave out paragraph (4) of Schedule 2."—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

Question proposed, "That paragraph (4) of Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill."

Sir ROBERT FINLAY said he hoped the House would reject the Amendment. There had been very large subscriptions from Birmingham for the purposes of the new Bishopric, and it was not unreasonable in carving out this new Bishopric that the sum mentioned should be transferred from the diocese of Worcester. The unselfish devotion of the present Bishop of Worcester was well known.

Sir WALTER FOSTER said he hoped his hon. friend would not press his Amendment. The most populous part of the diocese of Worcester was being taken away; and, surely, it was not unreasonable that a few hundreds a year should be taken away also.

Mr. CALDWELL said he did not wish to press the Amendment.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

NAVY AND ARMY EXPENDITURE, 1902-3, RESOLUTIONS REPORTED.

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1903, and the statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a) That the gross expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £388,335 5s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the gross expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £437,337 3s., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the gross actual expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the gross estimated expenditure by the net sum of £49,001 17s. 5d.

(b) That the receipts in aid of certain Grants for Navy Services fell short of the total estimated receipts by the sum of £4,598 15s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the receipts in aid of other Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £207,119 8s., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, so that the total actual receipts in aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the total estimated receipts by the net sum of £202,520 12s. 8d.

(c) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Total Surpluses - -	617,270	4	0
Total Deficits - -	365,747	13	11
Net Surplus	£251,522	10	1

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the net charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations-in-Aid, in respect of the same Services; and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. "That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

Number of Vote.	Navy Services, 1902-1903. Votes.	Gross Expenditure.		Appropriations in Aid.	
		Excesses of Actual over Estimated Gross Expenditure. 1.	Surpluses of Estimated over Actual Gross Expenditure. 2.	Deficiencies of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 3.	Surpluses of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 4.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 ...	Wages, etc. of Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines - -	119,682 16 6	...	...	6,668 4 6
2 ...	Victualling and Clothing for the Navy - - - - -	12,203 12 7	...	...	13,090 4 0
3 ...	Medical Establishments and Services - - - - - -	..	4,575 15 0	1,083 0 6	
4 ...	Martial Law - - - - -	437 17 5	...	45 8 7	
5 ...	Educational Services - -	...	4,804 11 7	...	131 18 4
6 ...	Scientific Services - - -	...	1,215 7 8	...	2,004 3 1
7 ...	Royal Naval Reserves - -	...	22,764 2 1	35 6 5	
8	Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. - - - -				
Sec. 1 ...	Personnel - - - - -	188,522 13 7	...	...	1,210 7 8
Sec. 2 ..	Materiel - - - - -	...	243,960 11 7	...	132,921 4 11
Sec. 3 ...	Contract Work - - - -	...	53,937 6 11	...	9,912 7 1
9 ...	Naval Armaments - - -	...	66,440 15 5	...	37,807 9 7
10 ..	Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad - -	...	39,183 12 10	3,357 14 6	
11 ...	Miscellaneous Effective Services - - - - - -	45,859 17 4	...	...	1,183 10 4
12 ...	Admiralty Office - - -	4,454 14 0	..	...	10 8 1
13 ...	Half-pay, Reserved and Retired Pay - - - -	...	454 19 11	...	745 8 0
14 ..	Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances - - -	6,584 9 8	...	...	1,434 2 5
15 ...	Civil Pensions and Gratuities -	3,639 14 5	...	77 5 4	
	Amount written off as irrecoverable - - - - -	6,949 10 1			
		388,335 5 7	437,337 3 0	4,598 15 4	207,119 8 0
		Net Surplus, £49,001 17 5		Net Surplus, £202,520 12 8	

Surplus surrendered to the Exchequer - - - - £251,522 10 1

Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1903, and the statement appended thereto, as follows, viz. :—

(a) That the gross expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £2,235,435 4s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the gross expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £2,266,558 17s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the gross actual expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the gross estimated expenditure by the net sum of £31,123 13s. 2d.

(b) That the receipts in aid of certain Army Services fell short of the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £523,014 8s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the receipts in aid of other Army Services exceeded the estimate of such receipts by a total sum of £938,463 11s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the total actual receipts in aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded the total estimated receipts by the net sum of £415,449 3s. 2d.

(c) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for

Army Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

	£ s. d.
Total Surpluses -	2,613,688 15 8
Total Deficits -	2,167,115 19 4
Net Surplus,	£446,572 16 4

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the net charge as Exchequer Grants for certain Army Services, of the whole of the sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services, and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

2. "That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

Number of Vote	Army Services, 1902–1903. Votes.	Gross Expenditure.		Appropriations-in Aid.	
		Excesses of Actual over Estimated Gross Expenditure. 1.	Surpluses of Estimated over Actual Gross Expenditure. 2.	Deficiencies of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 3.	Surpluses of Actual as compared with Estimated Receipts. 4.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Pay, etc., of Army (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments) -	...	1,028,191 3 0	...	7,958 15 7
2	Medical Establishments: Pay, etc. - -	...	31,748 10 7	...	10,727 19 10
3	Militia: Pay, Bounty, etc. - - -	324,011 2 9	...	612 7 11	
4	Imperial Yeomanry: Pay and Allowances -	...	248,246 2 10	...	73 1 2
5	Volunteer Corps: Pay and Allowances -	23,391 15 2	...	...	1,672 1 3
6	Transport and Remounts - - - -	624,534 10 4	...	246,678 7 6	
7	Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies -	...	359,562 0 7	67,354 14 9	
8	Clothing Establishments, and Services -	...	402,078 19 10	...	207,828 6 10
9	Warlike and other Stores: Supply and Repair - - - - - - -	...	182,606 9 3	27,700 12 3	
10	Works, Buildings, and Repairs: Cost, including staff for Engineer Services -	670,280 2 6	...	...	185,595 14 1
11	Establishments for Military Education -	4,591 15 2	...	...	5,321 7 7
12	Miscellaneous Effective Services - -	291,872 9 5	...	...	519,286 5 5
13	War Office: Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges - - - - - - -	34,424 0 10	...	120 0 4	
14	Non-effective Charges for Officers, etc. -	253,696 5 1	...	68,069 3 9	
15	Non-effective Charges for Men, etc.	...	12,532 1 6	112,464 17 1	
16	Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances - - - -	...	1,593 9 9	14 5 0	
	Balances irrecoverable - - - -	8,633 2 11			
		2,235,435 4 2	2,266,558 17 4	523,014 8 7	938,463 11 9
		Net Surplus, £31,123 13 2		Net Surplus, £415,449 3 2	

Surplus surrendered to the Exchequer - - - - £446,572 16 4

Resolutions agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS [9TH AUGUST].

Resolution reported.

"That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1905, the sum of £73,083,164, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom."

Resolution agreed to. Bill ordered to be brought in by the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish.

CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

"To apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament," presented accordingly, and read the first time; to be read a second time this day.

INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

Considered in Committee.

Committee report Progress; to sit again to-morrow.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) BILL [Lords].

Read a second time, and committed for to-morrow.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

[Second Reading.]

Order for the Second Reading read.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord **Stanley**, Lancashire, Westhoughton): There are two principles that I have endeavoured to embody in this Bill: first, that safety for the nation in time of danger should be secured by the Government being allowed to exercise control over wireless telegraphy, and, secondly, that we should not allow a big monopoly to grow up which, at some time, the State might have to purchase. The advisability of securing the latter is very obvious when one regards the results of the telephone monopoly. Fears have been entertained in certain quarters that this Bill would be in some way harmful. I have endeavoured to meet, and I think that in each case I have succeeded in meeting, the views of hon. Members who entertained those fears by Amendments which will be passed by agreement. The class with whom I have the greatest sympathy are those who wish to go in for experiments in this science, and I have been able to frame a clause which will give absolute freedom in that direction, merely requiring registration on the part of those who wish to engage in experiments. In a matter of this description the House will doubtless desire that the Act should be administered as liberally as possible, and I shall certainly do my best in that direction. For what it is worth I will give an undertaking that no request for a licence for experiments shall be refused unless the refusal has been approved by me personally. I will also insert a clause limiting the operation of the Bill to two years, so that at the end of that period, with the experience that will then have been gained, any necessary alterations may be made.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.), who had given notice of his intention to move the rejection of the Bill, said he would agree to the Second Reading only on the understanding that substantial Amendments were to be placed on the Paper in the sense indicated by the noble Lord, for the purpose of minimising, if not altogether removing, the objections entertained to the Bill. Having been a long time in the House, he was naturally somewhat sceptical about the promises of Ministers, and he was not at all sure that the Amendments which had been promised would be such as to make it possible to regard the Bill with any favour. He objected to a Bill of this character being rushed through at such an hour, and at such a period of the session; if the matter was of so pressing a character it ought to have been dealt with two or three months earlier. If any mistake were made through its being taken under pressure much harm might result, and in assenting to the Second Reading he wished to reserve to himself full rights to object to the Bill, if necessary, after the promised Amendments had been placed on the Paper.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and committed for to-morrow.

RESERVE FORCES BILL [Lords].

Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL [Lords].

Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed.

SHOP HOURS BILL.

Order read, for resuming adjourned debate on Question [5th August], proposed on Consideration of the Bill, as amended (by the Standing Committee), "That a clause (Exemption of Shopkeepers), be read a second time."

Question again proposed.

Sir FREDERICK BANBURY (Camberwell, Peckham) said the object of the clause was to preserve to small shopkeepers the power to earn their livelihood. Many shopkeepers employed no assistants, and transacted practically the whole of their business either early in the morning or late at night. He had received many letters from shopkeepers saying that they sat in their back parlours all day doing practically no business and that if they were compelled to close at seven o'clock their means of livelihood would be taken away. He moved a similar clause in Committee, but was defeated, the main objection being that it would be unfair to compel the big shopkeeper to close while the small shopkeeper was allowed to keep open. To meet that objection he had so altered his proposal as to allow the larger shopkeeper to keep open provided he kept no assistants at work after the given hour. The Voluntary Early Closing Association had given him an instance of a firm in the neighbourhood of Oxford Street where that plan was adopted, and he hoped the House would agree to the new clause.

The UNDER-SECRETARY of STATE for the HOME DEPARTMENT (Mr. Cochrane, Ayrshire, N.) said the object of the Bill was to enable shopkeepers in any district, by a two-thirds majority, to avoid being compelled by one or two recalcitrant individuals to keep their shops open until abnormally late hours. The hon. Baronet appeared to think that some of the shopkeepers desired to keep their shops open. He could assure him that that was not the fact. The views of the late Lord Salisbury upon that point were considerably modified by the evidence brought before the Select Committee of the House of Lords.

Sir FREDERICK BANBURY reminded the hon. Member that he presented a petition signed by 400 people asking for an Amendment in this direction.

Mr. COCHRANE said they were all familiar with petitions, and he preferred to rely upon the evidence presented before the Select Committee and the Report based thereon. But the class in which the hon. Baronet was interested were not lost sight of in the Bill. The proposed new clause would make it impossible for any small shopkeeper to avail himself of this Bill. Provision was already made that in making the order the local authority might have regard to the requirements of any special class of shops, and define the shops to which the order should apply. Therefore, if the local authority, who would have full knowledge of the requirements of the district, came to the conclusion that a special class of small shopkeepers should be permitted to keep open to a later hour, they would have power to exempt them from the order. That, he thought, would be a far better way of meeting the difficulty than that proposed by the hon. Baronet.

Mr. HERBERT ROBERTSON (Hackney, S.) said there was an enormous number of small shopkeepers—who did not really compete with the big shopkeepers—who desired to keep their shops open to such hours as they thought fit, and the big shopkeepers did not object to their so doing. He should, therefore, support the new clause.

Sir GEORGE BARTLEY (Islington, N.) held that it was most unreasonable to prohibit an adult man from employing his evenings as he liked, and he certainly would not be a party to any such prohibition. He believed the Bill would inflict a great hardship upon many of the poorer people who could not get out to do their shopping earlier in the day. While fully sympathising with the desire to see shops closed earlier, he believed that this drastic legislation would do more harm than good.

Question put.

The House divided :—Ayes, 26; Noes, 125. (Division List No. 339.)

AYES.

Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Compton, Lord Alwyne
Dalkeith, Earl of
Doughty, Sir George
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Hambro, Charles Eric
Heath, James (Staffords., N.W.
Hope, J.F. (Sheffield, Brightside
Hozier, Hn. James Henry Cecil
Jessel, Capt. Herbert Merton
Knowles, Sir Lees
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N.S.
Lowe, Francis William
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Morrell, George Herbert
Mount, William Arthur
Powell, Sir Francis Sharpe
Roberts, John Bryn (Eifion)
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Stanley, Hn. Arthur (Ormskirk
Talbot, Lord E. (Chichester)
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Walker, Col. William Hall
Wrightson, Sir Thomas

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Sir Frederick Banbury and Mr. Herbert Robertson.

NOES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt. Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt Hn. Gerald W. (Leeds
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Bousfield, William Robert
Brassey, Albert
Brigg, John
Bright, Allan Heywood
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Butcher, John George
Caldwell, James
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish, V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Evelyn (Aston Manor)
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain, Rt Hn. J.F (Worc.)
Chapman, Edward
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalziel, James Henry
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Delany, William
Dickson, Charles Scott
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Ffrench, Peter
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edw. Algernon
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, S.)
Grant, Corrie
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Gretton, John
Griffith, Ellis J.
Hamilton, Marq. of (L'donderry)
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.
Higham, John Sharpe
Horniman, Frederick John
Hunt, Rowland
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred
Jones, D. Brynmor (Swansea)
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kennaway, Rt. Hn. Sir John H.
Kilbride, Denis
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Wm. F. (Liverpool)
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants., Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Chas. W. (Evesham)
Long, Rt. Hn. Walter (Bristol, S.
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lough, Thomas
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
MacVeagh, Jeremiah
Malcolm, Ian
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Moss, Samuel
Murray, Rt. Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Pease, Herbert Pike (Darlington)
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Percy, Earl
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Rasch, Sir Frederic Carne
Rea, Russell
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Renwick, George
Ridley, Hn. M. W. (Stalybridge
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Samuel, Herbert L. (Cleveland)
Samuel, S. M. (Whitechapel)
Shackleton, David James
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Stanley, Rt. Hn. Lord (Lancs.)
Sullivan, Donal
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Thomas, David A. (Merthyr)
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tuff, Charles
Valentia, Viscount
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Warner, Thomas Courtenay T.
Webb, Colonel William George
Weir, James Galloway
Whiteley, H. (Ashton und. Lyne
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Williams, Colonel R. (Dorset)
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.)
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.

New clause (Power of county councils to delegate powers under the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895):

'Where an order under this Act is in force in any metropolitan borough or urban district the council of the county in which the borough or district is situate may delegate to the council of the borough or district, either with or without any restrictions or conditions as they think fit, their powers under the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895."—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Brought up, and read the first and second time.

Mr. HERBERT SAMUEL (Yorkshire, Cleveland) moved an Amendment to leave out the words "metropolitan borough or." As the Bill was first introduced the powers under the Act were to be conferred on the London County Council, but in passing through the Committee the Government accepted an Amendment substituting the metropolitan borough councils for the County Council. He took a very strong objection to this change, because he believed that its effect would be to a very large extent to make the Act unworkable in London. The Act was already trammelled by many difficulties and obstacles, and it was necessary to secure a two-thirds majority of the shopkeepers before the hours could be reduced. Then they had to obtain the consent of the local authority and the Home Office. It was necessary to have the areas as large as possible, and then they would not have people closing at eight o'clock whilst their competitors in another district might continue open until nine or ten o'clock at night. In London they had twenty-nine separate districts. In support of the contention that the County Council should be the authority to deal with this matter he said he would give one or two illustrations. Fulham Road, which consisted to a large extent of shops, was on one side in the borough of Chelsea, while on the other side it was in the borough of Kensington. If different hours were fixed for these two boroughs very great difficulties would arise. The same could be said of Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road, where there were two or three different authorities concerned. He trusted the House would revert to the form in which the Bill was originally introduced.

Amendment proposed to the proposed clause—

"In lines 1 and 2, to leave out the words 'metropolitan borough or.'" —(*Mr. Herbert Samuel.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed clause."

Mr. COCHRANE, in opposing the Amendment, said it was true that when this Bill was introduced the definition of local authority was different from what it was at present. But the Bill had been drafted and redrafted again and again, and it was considered that what was now proposed would be more convenient. There must be boundaries, and even if the County Council were the authority, the streets must be the boundaries in London. The Home Secretary would be able to adjust such differences as might arise, and see that there were not glaring inequalities in the various localities as between one side of a street and the other.

* **Sir CHARLES DILKE** (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean) said he could not speak as a supporter of the Bill, but as it had reached this stage he was in favour of the experiment being tried. In regard to the Amendment now under discussion there was no doubt that previous Bills had made the County Council the authority in matters of this kind. If his hon. friend divided the House he would vote with him.

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.) said he was generally in favour of the County Council getting powers in regard to matters with which they could properly deal, but he was of opinion that in this case it would be absolutely hopeless that any good effect could be secured from the Bill if they made the County Council the authority. How could the County Council get the assent of two-thirds of the shopkeepers all over London? There would be extreme difficulty in getting it. He thought there was a better chance of getting some benefit in London from the Bill if the borough councils were made the authority.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

Mr. STUART SAMUEL (Tower Hamlets, Whitechapel) moved an Amendment to Clause 2 to enable persons of the Jewish religion to keep open their shops at certain hours on Saturday to which closing orders might apply. His object in moving the Amendment was to prevent the imposition of the new and serious disability which would be established by the clause if passed as it now stood. The exemption he asked was already recognised in Statutes already passed. The special exemptions applied to Jewish occupiers of factories were set out in Sections 47 and 48 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901. Where the occupier of a factory or workshop was a person of the Jewish religion he had the following privileges: If he kept the factory or workshop closed on Saturday until sunset he might employ young persons and women on Saturday from after sunset till nine o'clock in the evening. If he kept his factory or workshop closed on Saturday both before and after sunset he might employ young persons and women one hour on every other day in the week (not being Sunday), in addition to the hours allowed by law to non-Jewish occupiers, such hour to be either at the beginning or end of the period of employment, but not to be before six a.m. or after nine p.m. It might be said that under Section 2, Sub-section 3, of the Bill, a closing order might "authorise sales after the closing hour in cases of emergency, and in such other circumstances as might be specified or indicated in the order," and that consequently a local authority could, where necessary, insert in the closing order special exemptions for the benefit of the Jewish shopkeepers, but that argument was not maintainable. In the first place the words "in such other circumstances," being coupled with the word "emergency," would be construed to mean "circumstances" *ejusdem generis* with "emergency"; and, if so, the fact that Jewish shopkeepers kept their shops closed from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset might not be a "circumstance" within the meaning of the sub-section which the local authority could take into consideration. It might probably be further said that a Jewish shopkeeper who wished to open after sunset on Saturday would be able to do so by substituting another day for Saturday under Sub-section (*b*) of Clause 2 of the Bill. But that was no answer. In the first place, such sub-section only applied when the closing hour was fixed earlier than seven p.m., so that if it was put at seven, or later, there was no power of substituting at all. Again, even where the closing hour was fixed earlier than seven, and so another day could be substituted for Saturday, the substitution would still involve a special loss to Jews—a loss so heavy that the power of substitution became of no real value to them. For instance, if a closing order fixed one o'clock for Saturday, a Jewish shopkeeper, in order to open on Saturday evening, after the termination of his Sabbath, until ten p.m. that evening, would have to close at one o'clock on some other day of the week, and thus his shop, unless Friday were such a day, would be actually closed for at least two and a half days in each week; and if Friday were such a day, two days as against one and a half days in the case of his non-Jewish trade rivals. What the Jews had to look to the Government to safeguard was, that, as the Bill actually authorised a Saturday closing order, if such an order were made it should not place the Jewish shopkeepers under an unreasonable disability. He contended that what he asked for in his Amendment was reasonable. He begged to move.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 1, line 29, after the word 'proper' to insert the words 'Provided always that every closing order which fixes a closing hour for Saturday shall contain a provision authorising the occupier of a shop who is a person of the Jewish religion, and keeps such shop closed from sunset on any Friday until sunset on the Saturday immediately following, to open that shop on such Saturday at or after sunset and to keep it open until ten o'clock in the evening of the same Saturday.'"—(*Mr. Stuart Samuel.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

MR. COCHRANE said he could not accept the Amendment, and he had reason to believe that it was disapproved of by other hon. Members of the same faith as the hon. Gentleman.

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 2, line 15, to leave out Sub-section 6 of Clause 2."—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, "That the words of the sub-section to the word 'substitute,' in page 2, line 18, stand part of the Bill."

MR. LOUGH said that this Sub-section 6 would render the whole object of the Bill perfectly futile.

SIR FREDERICK BANBURY said he objected to this sub-section in Committee and he did so still. Why on earth should a shopkeeper have to fix a day on which he should close his shop? It might just as well be said that all business should be regulated by some municipal authority.

MR. COCHRANE said that, under the Bill, a particular trade had the option of fixing any particular day on which to close. The object of the clause was to give greater freedom in that direction. However, he did not consider that the matter was of very great importance; and he would not resist the Amendment.

MR. SHACKLETON (Lancashire, Clitheroe) said he wished to support the observation of the hon. Member. He was aware that shopkeepers had approached trades union officials and had asked them to use their influence to secure the closing of shops on a particular day and he, therefore, hoped the House would support the proposal of the Government.

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 3, line 3, at end, to add the words 'provided that every closing order shall be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after it is confirmed, and if an address is presented to His Majesty by either House within the next subsequent forty days on which that House has sat after any such order is laid before it praying that the order may be cancelled, His Majesty in Council may annul the order, and any order so annulled shall thenceforth become void and of no effect, but without prejudice to any proceedings which may in the meantime have been taken under the order and without prejudice to the power of making any new closing order.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

MR. LOUGH moved, in page 5, line 6, to insert, "The sale of confectionery." Strong representations had been made to him on the subject. The Amendment would be very useful in connection with children's holidays; and he hoped it would commend itself to the favourable consideration of the House.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In page 5, line 6, at the end, to insert the words 'The sale of confectionery.'"—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

MR. COCHRANE said it would be better to rely on the local authorities in the matter.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

SEAMEN'S AND SOLDIERS' FALSE CHARACTERS BILL [LORDS].

Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

OUTDOOR RELIEF (FRIENDLY SOCIETIES) (No. 2) BILL.

Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) [EXPENSES].

Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain Expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland (King's Recommendation signified), this day.—(*Mr. A. Graham Murray.*)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at eighteen minutes before Two o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Thursday, 11*th August*, 1904.

PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill. House in Committee (according to order). Bill reported without Amendment. Standing Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª To-morrow.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [H.L.]. Commons Amendment considered (according to order), and agreed to.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill. Returned from the Commons with the Amendments agreed to.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL ORDERS (No. 13) BILL.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª."—(*Lord Kenyon.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

Lord ARMSTRONG: My Lords, I beg to move the Amendment standing in my name. This is a Bill for confirming, among others, an Order of the Local Government Board for extending the boundaries of the city of Newcastle so as to include certain urban and rural districts. This Order will come into operation on 9th November, and, as the Order now stands, from 19th July last up to the time of the Order coming into operation, the present councils of the added areas can commit the Corporation of Newcastle to an unlimited expenditure. The object of my Amendment is to protect the Corporation of Newcastle from the liability of being committed during this short time that the councils of the added areas may be in existence to an unlimited expenditure which they may have had, perhaps, no opportunity of considering, or which may appear to them to be wholly unnecessary, or at any rate excessive in amount. To prove to your Lordships the justice of, and necessity for, this Amendment, I may mention that the council of one of the areas taken over resolved on 20th July, the day after the Corporation by the Order takes over the responsibility for contracts made by the councils, to purchase land for the extension of a public park at a cost of between £9,000 and £10,000, and, in addition, they resolved to at once invite tenders for a sixty ton refuse destructor. I trust your Lordships will look upon this Amendment as a reasonable one for the protection of the Corporation of Newcastle, and I beg to move.

Amendment moved—

"In page 26, after line 40, to insert the words 'Provided that no such contract, deed, bond, agreement, or other instrument entered into or made by either of the urban councils or the rural council after the 19th day of July, 1904, which involves or may involve the payment by the corporation of any sum or sums exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds shall be binding upon the corporation unless the same shall have been approved by them in writing or in case of difference by the Local Government Board or by some person appointed by them whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.'"—(*Lord Armstrong.*)

Lord KENYON: On behalf of the Local Government Board I beg to say that there is no objection to this Amendment.

On Question, Amendment agreed to.

Moved, "That the Bill do now pass."—(*Lord Kenyon.*)

On Question, Bill passed accordingly and returned to the Commons

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

PREFERENTIAL AND RETALIATORY DUTIES.

Order of the 12th August, 1903, for a Return respecting, discharged, and proceedings of the 14th August, 1903, relating to the presentation of the same, ordered to be vacated. Then it was ordered that the following Return be laid before the House in substitution thereof, viz.—

DIFFERENTIAL DUTIES.

Return of differential duties imposed, raised, reduced, or repealed in the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1853, and 1860, stating (1)

An Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a Speech indicates revision by the Member.

the rate of duty levied; and (2) the revenue derived from, and the quantities imported of, the articles concerned in the three years preceding, and in the three years following, such change.

The said Return laid before the House (pursuant to Order of this Day), and to be printed. (No. 190.)

HOUSE OF LORDS OFFICES.

Second Report of the Select Committee made; to be printed; and to be considered To-morrow. (No. 191.)

LOCAL TAXATION RETURNS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1881.

Returns for the year 1902–1903.

TRADE REPORTS.

I. (ANNUAL SERIES).

No. 3251. China (Wenchow).

No. 3252. Norway.

No. 3253. Russia (Foreign commerce of Russia and trade of St. Petersburg).

No. 3254. France (Madagascar).

No. 3255. Austria-Hungary (Bohemia).

II. (MISCELLANEOUS SERIES).

No. 618. Germany (Special technical schools for the wood-working industries).

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION).

Annual Report of proceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875–1899; the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887–1894; the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893; and the Board of Agriculture Act, 1889 (Section 2, Sub-section 3); for the year 1903.

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).

Annual Report of the Commissioners for 1903.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

Report of the Commissioners for the period from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

Returns of accidents and casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several railway companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ended 31st March, 1904, in pursuance of the Regulations of Railways Act (1871); together with reports of the inspecting officers, assistant inspecting officers, and sub-inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade, upon certain accidents which were inquired into.

GAS AND WATER ORDERS, SESSION 1904.

Report by the Board of Trade on their proceedings under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, during the session of 1904.

Presented (by Command), and ordered to lie on the Table.

INEBRIATES ACT, 1898.

Regulation, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of the Act, respecting the photographing of inmates of certified inebriate reformatories.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION (PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891).

Return of advances under the Act during the year ended the 31st March, 1904.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Report by the Board of Trade on their proceedings and business under the Weights and Measures Acts.

RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACT, 1888.

Eighth Report by the Board of Trade of proceedings under Section 31 of the Act, including proceedings upon complaints made under Section 31 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1894.

RAILWAY SERVANTS (HOURS OF LABOUR).

Report by the Board of Trade respecting their proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July, 1904.

Laid before the House (pursuant to Act), and ordered to lie on the Table.

The LORD CHANCELLOR acquainted the House, That the Clerk of the Parliaments had laid upon the Table the Certificate from the Examiners that the Standing

Orders applicable to the following Bill have been complied with: Post Office Sites.

The same was ordered to lie on the Table.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL [H.L.].

Returned from the Commons agreed to.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BILL.

Read 3ª (according to order), and passed.

SHOP HOURS BILL.

Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Belper). (No. 192.)

OUTDOOR RELIEF (FRIENDLY SOCIETIES) (No. 2) BILL.

Read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Kenyon). (No. 193.)

POST OFFICE SITES BILL.

To be read 2ª To-morrow, and Standing Order No. 93 to be considered in order to its being dispensed with in respect of the said Bill.

RUSSIA AND CONTRABAND OF WAR.

*THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: My Lords, seeing the noble Marquess the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in his place, I beg to ask him certain Questions, of which I have given him private notice. They are as follows: What exactly is the position of the case of the sinking of the "Knight Commander"; whether there are any negotiations going on between His Majesty's Government and the Russian Government with regard to contraband of war, and whether His Majesty's Government adhere to the former practice of the Foreign Office on this question, and specially to the course which was pursued by Lord Granville during the Franco-German War; whether it is true, as stated in the newspapers, that an agreement has been come to between the Turkish Government and the Russian Government with respect to the passage of the Russian Volunteer Fleet through the Dardanelles, and what exactly is the meaning of the words in that agreement that the ships are to fly the commercial flag "throughout the voyage?"

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (The Marquess of LANSDOWNE): My Lords, I have to thank the noble Marquess for the extremely considerate manner in which he has addressed these Questions to me. I feel sure there could be no one who would be more unwilling to add to the difficulties of His Majesty's Government in dealing with this important subject than the noble Marquess himself. His Questions have reference to three separate points. He has referred, in the first place, to the passage of the Dardanelles by Russian ships belonging to what is known as the Volunteer Fleet. In the second place he referred to the manner in which the Russian Government has lately dealt with the question of contraband of war. In the third place, he has touched upon the manner in which certain neutral prizes, and particularly the "Knight Commander," have been dealt with by the Russian Government. In regard to the Volunteer Fleet and the passage of the Dardanelles, your Lordships are aware of the manner in which this question is regarded by His Majesty's Government. We have explained that in our opinion these vessels were not entitled to pass through the Straits as ships of war, and that having passed through the Straits as peaceful vessels they were not entitled to reappear immediately, or almost immediately afterwards in the guise of warlike vessels, and to interfere with neutral commerce. That is our general view. So far as the incidents which have arisen out of the passage of the "Petersburg" and "Smolensk" through the Dardanelles are concerned, I think we may say that the matter has passed out of the acute stage. As the noble Marquess is aware, those two ships have been withdrawn from the Red Sea, and as we now know that the instructions which have been sent to them to desist from similar seizures have reached their destination, we may assume that no further seizures will be made by them.

Then we come to the case of the passage of the Dardanelles by other ships of the Volunteer Fleet to which reference was made yesterday in the newspapers. I believe that the report in the newspapers is substantially correct, and that the account given of the conditions insisted upon by the Turkish Government is in accordance with the facts of the case. The Turkish Government appears to have obtained from the Russian Government an official statement that these vessels will fly during their whole voyage, as hitherto, the commercial flag, that they will not contain either munitions of war or armament, and that they will not be "changed into cruisers." The noble Marquess laid stress upon the passage which says that these vessels were to continue to fly the commercial flag during their whole voyage. The words he used were "throughout the voyage." The words in the official version are "during the whole voyage," which suggests something more than the shorter expression quoted by the noble Marquess. I may say at once that in our opinion the larger interpretation is obviously the correct one, for it would be almost grotesque if the voyage of these vessels were to be regarded as beginning and ending with their passage through the Straits.

Then I pass to the second and more serious question raised by the noble Marquess, I mean the question of the manner in which the Russian Government has treated the question of contraband of war. At the beginning of the war the Russian Government issued regulations dealing with this question; and it is certainly the case that these regulations had the effect of very greatly amplifying the definition of contraband of war which has hitherto been accepted by this and, I believe, by most other countries. The Russian definition included a number of articles which we have always regarded as *prima facie* innocent, unless it could be shown that they were destined for the enemy's use. This enlarged definition was coupled with an official intimation that the whole of the articles enumerated in Rule 6 of the Russian regulations were to be regarded not merely as contraband of war, but as unconditionally contraband of war. The list of articles enumerated in the sixth rule is a large one; but the particular articles in which we are more especially concerned are those enumerated in Sub-sections 8 and 10, which are as follows—

> "Sub-section 8.—Every kind of fuel, such as coal, naphtha, alcohol, and other similar materials."
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> "Sub-section 10.—Generally everything intended for warfare by sea or land, as well as rice, provisions, horses, beasts of burden, and others which may be used for warlike purposes, if they are transported on account of or are destined for the enemy."

Of course that rule by itself and without the distinct intimation that all these articles were to be treated as unconditionally contraband of war would not have been such a grave matter; but taking the rule as we found it, *plus* the official explanation, it seemed to us a matter of such importance that we deemed it our duty to call the attention of the Russian Government to the gravity of the question.

We took up in particular the inclusion amongst articles unconditionally contraband of war of provisions, in which I need not say this country is very largely interested. We pointed out that the inclusion of all provisions in this category was a very serious innovation; and we stated that we felt bound to reserve our rights by protesting at once against the doctrine that it is for the belligerent to decide that certain articles or classes of articles are, as a matter of course, and without reference to other considerations, to be dealt with as contraband of war, regardless of the well-established rights of neutrals. We went on to say that we could not consider ourselves bound to recognise as valid the decision of any Prize Court which violated those rights, or was otherwise not in conformity with the recognised principles of international law. I think it was with regard to that point that the noble Marquess asked me whether we adhered to the views expressed in 1870 by Lord Granville. I take it that what the noble Marquess refers to is the correspondence which passed in that year between Lord Granville and Count Bernsdorff, when the German Government demanded that the export of arms and ammunition and coal should be prevented by His Majesty's Government. To those demands we refused to accede, and our policy in that respect remains what it was at that time.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: Rice?

*THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE: Yes, I think rice was included, but I am not quite certain. I pass from that question to the question of the measures taken by the Russian Government for the purpose of preventing the arrival of contraband of war at the ports of the other belligerent. That, of course, raises the question of the "Knight Commander," to which the noble Marquess drew special attention. I need not point out to the House that the effect of severe rules dealing with this question of contraband is greatly intensified if the measures taken to enforce those rules are also of exceptional severity. We are now given to understand that in the view of the Russian Government it is within the right of a belligerent to destroy a neutral vessel captured by him if that neutral vessel has contraband of war on board her. My Lords, that is a view which the Government of this country have never accepted; it is a view which I believe has been repudiated, although perhaps not so distinctly, by other Powers; it has certainly not been accepted by the Government of the United States. Holding these opinions, His Majesty's Government thought it their duty, some time ago, to call the attention of the Russian Government to Article XXI. of the Russian regulations relating to the destruction the prizes, pointing out that their terms might be held to apply to the case of vessels belonging not only to the enemy, but also to neutral vessels carrying contraband of war. Sir Charles Hardinge was desired to say we assumed that the provisions of the Article were not meant to refer to neutral vessels, and to inform the Russian Government that we so interpreted their rules. In these circumstances, my Lords, we are altogether unable to admit that the sinking of the "Knight Commander" was justifiable according to any principles of international law by which this country has ever regarded itself as bound.

That brings me to the natural reply to the question of the noble Marquess, who asked me what is the position of the "Knight Commander" after her condemnation by the Prize Court at Vladivostok? The case of the "Knight Commander" awaits trial by the appellate Prize Court at St. Petersburg. I need not say that if the St. Petersburg Court should reverse the decision of the Vladivostok Court that would be a matter for congratulation. But, whether that be the case or not, we are in any case unable to admit that the destruction of the vessel was justifiable or that the proceedings of these Prize Courts have any validity so far as this particular case is concerned.

I am tempted to say one word as to the cumulative effect of the different measures to which the Russian Government has thought it its duty to resort, for it is the cumulative effect of those measures which we have to consider. It is, in our opinion, extremely serious. You have in the first place an extension of the doctrine of contraband of war altogether novel and unprecedented; you have in the next place the claim to pursue such alleged contraband of war no matter where it may be found, no matter at what distance from the theatre of war, and particularly in those narrow waters through which all neutral commerce is virtually obliged to pass on its way to the Far East; and, finally, you have the additional claim to dispose, as we think arbitrarily, and without the previous authority of a Prize Court, of vessels taken with so-called contraband of war on board them by sinking or destruction. The operation of these measures cannot fail to have a most injurious effect on the commerce of this country.

Let your Lordships imagine, for example, what would be the result were some cruiser operating at a distance from her base to seize and sink on the spot a number of neutral vessels simply on the ground that those neutral vessels had not on board of them a sufficient amount of coal to carry them to the port from which the belligerent cruiser had started; or, again, we might find ourselves confronted with this result, that a cruiser, starting with a crew sufficient only for the purpose of navigating her, and consequently not having on board any men whom she could spare for the purpose of providing a prize crew, might sink every prize which she took, merely on the ground that there were no means of conveying that prize before a Prize Court. I am speaking, of course, of neutral prizes, because the case of enemy prizes is wholly different. I have mentioned these possible results because I desire that your Lordships should realise how serious is the problem with which we have to deal; but I do not for a moment suggest that the whole of these consequences are likely to follow. My impression is that, in spite of these untoward incidents, both Governments would really be glad to discover a reasonable means of settling these difficulties. We on our side certainly recognise that a belligerent has a right to prevent the supply of contraband of war to the other belligerent, and to take reasonable precautions for that purpose. But we have thought it our duty to point out very earnestly to the Russian Government that their conduct in this matter has gone far beyond what, in our view, is justifiable for this purpose.

Although this correspondence is still proceeding, and I am not able to announce anything which can be regarded as a definite settlement of the question, I am glad to be able to add that the language of the Russian Government justifies us in expecting that these acts of destruction of neutral prizes are not likely to be repeated, although they may maintain that in principle such a right belongs to them, and I am not without hopes that when we have more thoroughly discussed these questions in all their bearings we may find that upon the question of contraband also there may be room for a reasonable and amicable understanding. I can assure your Lordships that we deeply realise the gravity of the subject to which the noble Marquess has called attention, and we shall deem it our duty to insist strongly upon the rights which this country possesses as a neutral Power, rights which owing to her predominant interest in the commerce of the Far East she is, more than any other Power, called upon to vindicate.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Moved, That Standing Order No. XXXIX. be considered in order to its being suspended for the remainder of the session.—(*The Marquess of Lansdowne.*)

The Marquess of RIPON: I should like to ask the noble Marquess to what extent he intends that Motion to apply to the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill, which stands for Second Reading this evening.

The Marquess of Lansdowne.

*The Marquess of LANSDOWNE: We do not think it necessary to suspend the Standing Order in reference to that Bill.

*The Earl of WEMYSS: I waited, before rising, to hear if any noble Lord had anything to say upon this principle of suspending the Standing Order. What it means is simply this, that your Lordships' House as a practical, deliberative, legislative Assembly should give up the powers which you have under the Standing Orders of revising and checking Bills that come up from the other House. It practically makes the Government omnipotent as regards any Bill which at this late period of the session they may think it right to bring forward. My noble friend the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs talked last year about having a retaliatory fiscal revolver. The suspension of this Standing Order is nothing but a revolver which you put in the hands of the Government of the day, and which gives them the power of doing away with the general supervision on the part of your Lordships' House, and I venture to think it is a power which should not be given unless you know in what way this fully charged revolver is to be used. I think, before your Lordships grant this extreme power, we ought to know from my noble friend in what way it is going to be used. He ought to give us a list of the Bills with regard to which he intends to exercise this power. Standing Order No. XXXIX., which your Lordships are asked to suspend, reads as follows—

> "No Bill shall be read twice the same day; no Committee of the Whole House shall proceed on any Bill the same day the Bill is committed for the first time; no Report shall be received from any Committee of the Whole House the same day such Committee goes through the Bill when any Amendments are made to such Bill; no Report shall be received from any Standing Committee with regard to any Bill the same day on which such Bill is reported from such Committee when any Amendments have been made to such Bill either in Committee of the Whole House or by the Standing Committee; and no Bill shall be read the third time the same day that the Bill is reported from the Committee."

It is believed that there are only two more days left of the session. Very important Bills containing great principles may be brought up to this House from another place, and if this Order is suspended they can be passed through all their stages in one day. I contend that that is neither constitutional nor right. There is another Standing Order, dated 1668, which refers to a Bill of an exceptional nature passing without the ordinary form of procedure, and goes on to state that this was a wholly exceptional proceeding, and that it was not to be departed from in the future. The words are—

> "Upon report made by the Lord Chamberlain from the Committee of the Whole House, concerning the Bill . . . . in regard to the said Bill being very long, and consisting of many paragraphs, came from the House of Commons so near the time of adjournment, he was commanded to report it as the opinion of the Committee that it might be entered into the Journal Book of this House, that there may be no such argument hereafter used in this House, as was upon this Bill (of shortness of time for the passing of the Bill), to precipitate the passing thereof; but that due consideration may be had hereafter, according to the course of Parliaments . . ."

I submit that if Standing Order XXXIX. is suspended this Standing Order ought to be repealed as well. Before the House is asked to give up its power and allow the Government of the day to tyrannically pass measures in a single sitting, some information ought to be given of the Bills for which such powers are asked.

*THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE: I am not at all surprised that my noble friend should come forward as the guardian of the privileges of this House, and I can assure him that I regret as much as he does the necessity of expediting our business by these methods; but I am under the impression that at the end of every session, in order to wind up our business, we find it necessary to resort to some such steps as these, and unless it can be shown that the House is really deprived of an opportunity of debating measures which it could usefully debate or amend, I do not think that the grievance is really a very serious one. I have already, in response to an appeal from the noble Marquess opposite, said we do not desire to suspend the Standing Order in reference to the Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill. I can rely only upon the indulgence of the House. The matter is in your Lordships' hands, and if you prefer to prolong the session for a few days we are powerless to prevent your doing so.

*THE EARL OF WEMYSS: Will the noble Marquess name the Bills to which the closure is to be applied? It all turns upon that. If they are Bills containing vital principles they should be capable of being discussed at every stage. I say it would be a tyrannical act to pass those Bills without any discussion, and if your Lordships agree to this Motion without knowing the Bills to which it will apply, you will be sacrificing your position as a deliberative assembly. I shall certainly say "Not Content" to the Motion.

On Question, Motion agreed to, the Earl of Wemyss challenging a division but being unable to find a teller.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY BILL [H.L.].

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 3ª."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

LORD WOLVERTON: My Lords, I beg to move the deletion of the proviso at the end of Clause 4, which runs as follows—

> "Provided always that any local authority having power to purchase any part of an undertaking being wholly or partly within the administrative county of London may subject to the provisions of this section and to the like consents transfer such rights to the London County Council."

In asking your Lordships to omit this proviso, I do so with the consent of all my colleagues on the Committee over which I had the honour to preside and which inserted this proviso, with the deletion of which the Board of Trade and the Local Government Board agree. I will explain shortly what would be the effect of retaining the proviso in the clause. Let me take the case of Westminster. Supposing Westminster under this Bill did not choose to become its own electric lighting authority it would be able to hand over its powers to the London County Council. But supposing the London County Council did not make a success of the enterprise in Westminster, not only would the rates of Westminster be liable, but also the rates of the whole of London. On these grounds I ask your Lordships to accept the Amendment.

Amendment moved—

"In Clause 4, page 3, line 33, to leave out from the word 'transfer,' to the end of the clause."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Amendment agreed to.

Moved, "That the Bill do pass."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

Bill passed, and sent to the Commons.

EDUCATION (LOCAL AUTHORITY DEFAULT) BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (The Marquess of LONDONDERRY): My Lords, in rising to move the Second Reading of this Bill I can assure my noble friend Lord Wemyss that we have not the slightest intention of rushing this measure through your Lordships' House. We propose to deal with it, I trust, in a manner which he will consider is conducive to the dignity of the House. I would first of all express my sincere regret that there has been any necessity for His Majesty's Government introducing this measure. During the last two sessions your Lordships have had before you two most important measures connected with education, and, therefore, your Lordships might justly ask why you are for a third session in succession required to deal with the question. Before I resume my seat I trust I may be able to persuade your Lordships that this third measure is one of necessity, and that if His Majesty's Government did not ask Parliament to sanction it they would be unworthy to occupy their position.

The great duty of a responsible Government is to maintain law. It is their equally important duty to prevent injustice, and I maintain that it is my duty as President of the Board of Education to promote the efficiency of education and not to allow schools to deteriorate owing to unjust treatment. Your Lordships will remember the details of the two Acts which have already become law. When the Bill of 1902 was passed I trusted and believed it would receive a chance of working fairly, because I imagined there was an earnest desire on the part of all those to whom the administration of the Act was entrusted to promote the efficiency of education. I think I may say, without being unduly sanguine, that in the majority of areas our hopes have been to a very great extent realised. At the present moment there are only five areas in which the Act is not working, and we have reason to believe that these will be reduced in a short time; and I would add that in many areas we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the very satisfactory way in which that Act is now working. I venture to think that where the Act has been taken up by the local education authority with the desire to promote the efficiency of education it has realised our expectations. But there are parts of the country in which those expectations have not been realised.

I regret to say that in the Principality of Wales the Act has been flouted. The action of certain local education authorities has been conducive to gross injustice to certain schools of whose principles these local education authorities do not approve, and the result of that injustice, if allowed to continue, would be a want of efficiency in those schools.

Let me say one word about the Act of 1902. Your Lordships will remember that in another place and in this House it occupied a considerable time in its passage through its various stages. I am not going to deny for a moment that it was a Bill of a controversial character. I should be extremely surprised to see any measure connected with education that would not be of a controversial character, and, therefore, I allow at once that it was open to criticism. I will allow also that the Bill was not a perfect one, but I have yet to find any Act of Parliament which is universally considered perfect. And when we consider that the Act of 1902 had to be built on the foundations of the Act of 1870, which I do not think any noble Lord will hold was admitted universally to be perfect, I do not think I am wrong in allowing that it was possible to declare that the Act of 1902 was not altogether satisfactory. But whether controversial or not, whether perfect or not, the Bill received the assent of both Houses of Parliament and is now the law of the land, and as such I maintain that it is the bounden duty of His Majesty's Government to insist on its being carried into force.

I regret sincerely the absence of the noble Earl the Leader of the Opposition, because if there is one Member of your Lordships' House to whom I could appeal to insist on the maintenance of law and order it is the noble Earl, Lord Spencer. I remember well the three years, from 1882 to 1885, when he so ably discharged the duties of Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. He had powers given him to carry out the law of the land, and he exercised those powers to the admiration of every law-abiding subject in Ireland. Therefore, I should have liked to have appealed to the noble Earl and to have asked him what his opinion would be after that experience, if His Majesty's Government in the present condition of affairs had allowed the law in certain parts of the country to be flouted or administered with injustice to one section of the community. I should also have liked to have asked the noble Earl, had he been in his place, whether he supported the statements which have been made by Mr. Lloyd-George, one of his supporters.

I have made three distinct statements. I have stated that the Act has been flouted in Wales, that injustice has been done to certain schools which are not popular with the authorities, and that the efficiency of the schools, if this injustice is allowed to continue, will be jeopardised. I hope to prove that each of those statements is accurate. Now, with regard to the Act being flouted, I will quote to your Lordships Mr. Lloyd-George's statement, and I believe I am justified in considering him the spokesman of the Welsh county councils on this subject. Speaking at Bradford, Mr. Lloyd-George described the action of the Welsh county councils as follows—

> "They were getting majorities not to facilitate the carrying out of every provision, but to throw obstacles in the way of carrying out those provisions in the Act which were not suitable to the requirements of their localities. That was their first principle."

Mr. Lloyd-George also stated in March—

> "Did they propose to defy the Act? Not at all. He simply suggested that they should walk round it."

That is a quotation which I should have liked to have asked the noble Earl the Leader of the Opposition whether he endorsed or not. I would refer to what was done in Carmarthenshire, where the county council bound themselves by resolution to have absolutely nothing to do with the voluntary schools. It was proved beyond all doubt, by the public inquiry held in March last, that that county council was in default in almost every possible way in which they could fail to do their duty in this matter.

Having, I think, proved my statement that the Welsh county councils have flouted the Act, I now come to the injustice which is being done by certain local education authorities to the voluntary schools. I find in the *Swansea Daily News* of 25th May last year a report of one of the conferences that were held at which the following resolution was passed—

> "That until the Act is so amended as to give them full control over schools not provided by them, the councils of Wales and Monmouthshire be recommended to refrain from applying the rates to such schools."

I maintain that it is a gross injustice to these schools, and one which cannot be tolerated by those responsible for the education of the country.

The complaint of the Welsh county councils is this—first of all, that the voluntary schools have been placed upon the rates, and secondly, that the majority of the managers of these schools are not elected by popular control but are appointed under certain trust deeds. Let me deal with the question of the voluntary schools being placed on the rates. I think that action was one of very tardy justice to these voluntary schools at the hands of the Government. I think the people of this country are absolutely ignorant of the debt of gratitude they owe to voluntary schools. They seem to ignore the fact that had it not been for the voluntary schools there would have been practically no education up to 1870. When we consider the expense to which voluntary schools have been put and the work they have done, it does seem a somewhat ungrateful act on the part of the people to declare that they should not receive support out of the rates.

I now turn to the argument that the majority of the managers of voluntary schools are not popularly elected. It is our duty to respect the wishes of those who have endowed denominational schools on the distinct understanding that denominational education shall be given in those schools, and unless we had maintained a majority of those managers on the board of management we should have been guilty of a breach of trust, and should have betrayed the principles of those to whom these voluntary schools owed their existence. I think those who take this line entirely forget one fact, namely, that with regard to secular education, even in denominational schools, under the Act of 1902 the local authority is absolutely paramount. It is frequently argued that if the voluntary schools of Wales are not supported out of the rates they are in no worse position than they were before; but that is no answer. The voluntary schools pay rates in the counties which they did not pay before. Those rates are paid into the general fund of the county, but the county councils in some cases refuse to return to the voluntary schools their share, and distribute it among schools which are more popular with the local education authority. It must be remembered that to the local education authorities has been given omnipotent power in regard to the condition of the buildings and their maintenance, and they have in many cases exercised their power in effecting improvements. Is it just that a local authority should insist on improvements, and yet refuse just pecuniary aid to maintain the efficiency of education in those buildings? I venture to say that an act of greater injustice could not possibly be done, and it is an act of injustice which the Board of Education could not possibly tolerate.

I will now prove my statement that owing to the injustice done to certain voluntary schools the efficiency of those schools is retarded and jeopardised. The local education authorities in certain parts of Wales have declared that it is perfectly possible to maintain the efficiency of schools out of the grants, and that they need have no recourse to the rates. My experience has shown me that that opinion is absolutely incorrect. We have investigated that question and proved it so. There are some schools that cannot even pay the salaries of the teachers out of the grants, let alone purchase books, apparatus, and the hundred and one things connected with education. In regard to Merionethshire, the report instances two schools where the salaries were £240 and £84 respectively, and where the grants only amounted to £213 and £67 respectively, and yet, besides these salaries, which the grant did not meet, there was the expense of books, apparatus, etc., to be met. Therefore, it is absurd to say that these schools could be maintained out of the grants and had no need for rate support. There are certain schools in Merionethshire which have only been kept efficient for months past owing to the generosity of the managers. Is that the way to administer an Act which had for one of its objects the relief of voluntary schools? I maintain that we should not be doing justice if we allowed those managers to continue to bear that burden. How are those schools to fare if those managers—and they are not rich men—find themselves unable to continue to meet the expenses out of their own pockets? Your Lordships know that these schools must fall to the ground, to the detriment of the education of the rising generation in that part of the country.

I see on the other side of the House my noble friend Lord Stanley of Alderley. In neither House of Parliament is there a greater expert in educational matters than he is. No man has devoted himself more to the efficiency of education, and he knows full well that if the efficiency of education is to be maintained there must be in existence the highest class of teachers. My noble friend is always persistent on the question of the efficiency of the teachers. I entirely agree with him, and, therefore, knowing my noble friend's predilection in this direction, I confess it was with some surprise that I read a letter of his in the *Westminster Gazette* on the 3rd instant, in the course of which the noble Lord said—

> "At this moment, in spite of the extreme tension and resentment aroused by the Education Act of 1902, the local authorities even in

Wales are administering it, and if they were left alone, time, which softens difficulties, might lead to a reasonable *modus vivendi* between the opposing parties."

I confess I was at a loss to understand what the noble Lord meant by suggesting that time should be given in order to allow things to settle down. The matter is absolutely urgent. If we do not deal with this question at this moment we might find ourselves in certain of these schools without any teachers at all. I would ask my noble friend what is to be done in the interval while the *modus vivendi* is being arrived at. Would he allow schools to be without teachers? Would he insist on those who have been carrying on these schools at their own expense being made to continue to do so compulsorily? Well, if they do not, what does the noble Lord propose should be done in the interval before the *modus vivendi* is arrived at? We consider it is our duty to maintain the efficiency of each and every school, and not to differentiate between one school and another. We annually appeal to the country for a very large sum of money for elementary education, and the country invariably grants us that without a murmur. But what do they expect in return? They expect the efficiency of every single school; they expect us to be able to assure them, through our responsible representatives in Parliament, that we are satisfied that every teacher is up to the mark, and if we are going to allow certain schools to be without teachers or to have cheap teachers who are not up to the mark, I say we should be betraying the confidence of the country. We are asked sometimes why in this Bill the Board of Education propose to decide the case without asking for a public inquiry. The answer to that is a very simple one. Inquiry, as your Lordships know, is a very long business. It is a long business in any circumstances, and to initiate an inquiry into such petty questions as might be involved would be utterly unworthy of this cause. It might be a question merely of the salary of a teacher, or whether coals had been provided one week and not another. Would any noble Lord propose, under any such circumstances, that an inquiry should be held? If we held an inquiry, we should have to communicate with the local authority, and we find that the local authorities have a knack of ignoring letters that are sent from the Board of Education, and absolutely declining to answer the questions put to them. Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking on this subject, said—

> "The Carnarvonshire County Council meet only once a quarter. At the last meeting there might be before the council a communication from the Board of Education. The chairman would say, 'I am very sorry, but we cannot possibly attend to that to-day,' and somebody would move the adjournment to the next meeting, which would be held in June."

Therefore, your Lordships will see that if we had to hold an inquiry at the instigation, or with the consent, of the county council, we might have to wait, in the case of Carnarvonshire, more than three months before we got an answer to our letter. We are not likely to act in any case unless we have absolutely good grounds for doing so, but it would be better for the Board of Education to deal with the matter at once rather than leave it hung up till the next meeting of the county council.

There is another point. It has been said that this is a coercion Bill. I took the liberty the other night of interrupting my noble friend Lord Burghclere when he called it a coercion Bill, because I think if there is one Bill associated with education which is not a coercion Bill, it is this one. If your Lordships had chosen to say that there was a certain amount of coercion about the Act of 1902, I do not think I should have been able to have given a flat contradiction, because under that Act it is possible to obtain a *mandamus* to compel the local authority to carry out their duty if they neglected it. But under this Bill there is no such compulsory power. It may be asked, Why have we not put in a provision for a *mandamus* here? My reply is that we do not wish to create in every part of Wales village heroes with dauntless breasts. This is not a measure of a coercive character. It does no harm to the conscientious scruples of any conscientious council. When an authority refuses to administer the Act this Bill simply places the Board of Education in the place of that authority in regard to the school or schools affected. I have heard it said, "Oh, but you are interfering with the spirit of the Act of 1902, which was to hand over to the local education authority the whole control of these schools."

Their authority is absolutely untouched if they only choose to maintain it. Take any individual school. If the county council provide for it in every detail except one, they are paramount over every one of those details except that one. Therefore, when we are told that we are interfering by this Bill with the spirit of the Act of 1902, I am compelled to say that this is not the case. We are upholding it in every way. I say, on behalf of the Board of Education, that it will be with the utmost reluctance that we shall find ourselves called upon to intervene in such cases; and on the first occasion that a defaulting authority removes a grievance, automatically the power of this measure ceases. His Majesty's Government are determined to insist on the policy of justice to all classes of the community, and I venture to hope that we may never be called upon to administer this Act; but if we are so called upon we shall administer it only because the action has been forced upon us and because the claims of justice make it necessary for us to intervene.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Marquess of Londonderry.*)

*LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY: My Lords, it is with great regret that I rise to move, as an Amendment, that this Bill be read this day three months. I listened with great interest and attention to all that my noble friend the Lord President of the Council said upon this Bill. He gave us at length his views as to the necessity for the Bill and the mischiefs it was intended to correct, but he did not give us as full an explanation as I could have wished of the operation of the Bill itself. But I have no doubt that he or some other noble Lord may find an opportunity, in replying, to illustrate or explain one or two points which the noble Marquess passed over. At this late period of the session, and with the empty Benches I see around me, I feel it is rather an idle thing to attempt to use this House as a deliberative Assembly, seeing that we are simply recording decisions which have been come to by methods of which we are aware in another place. I regret we should be legislating at a time when it is impossible for us to properly examine the details of Bills that come before us.

I pass now to the reasons why I think we ought not to accept this Bill. I will at the outset make this admission, or concession, or admit this point of agreement with the noble Marquess, that I think, in the first place, any Party that has passed a law through Parliament is entitled to say that it will carry out that law effectively, and I will go a step further and admit that it is the duty of any Ministry, whether they carried that particular law or not, to give effect to the law as it stands. I think these are two ample admissions. But it does not follow that this Bill is a wise or effective way of carrying out the legislation of 1902, nor does it follow that it is a just way. The noble Marquess spoke largely of justice. I agree entirely that justice should guide our deliberations and our actions. I thought on one or two points of his speech he slid a little into an ambiguous use of the word justice, because what he described as justice would, in my opinion, be injustice. I think it would be unjust for a Government Department to use its arbitrary powers in going beyond the limits of the law.

I will explain very briefly what I mean. The noble Marquess gave an illustration of cases in which he would put this Bill in force, namely, where there was a discrimination between the board and the voluntary schools, where a teacher in a voluntary school was getting a smaller salary than was paid in the board schools. but I would point out that, although, no doubt, in the popular sense that would be what we should call doing justice to the voluntary schools, that is not what the Act of 1902 entitles them to. That Act puts it as an obligation on the local authority to maintain all schools efficiently, and it is the duty, I agree, of the noble Marquess and his Department to see that the law is carried out. But when they have brought schools to the standard of efficiency, it does not at all follow that the local education authority may not go beyond the obligations of the law in the case of some schools. There is no clause in the Act of 1902 obliging the local authority to give a large and liberal measure beyond what the Board of Education is entitled to demand in every school, but it was quite clear from the noble Marquess's speech that what he understood as justice to voluntary schools was the forcing of the local education authority to do more than the law compelled them to if they were not treating voluntary schools as well as board schools.

THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY: What I pointed out was that voluntary schools in some cases are even denied the salaries of the teachers.

*LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY: The noble Marquess spoke of salaries which were not as liberal as they should be. That is quite a different thing. I was very much obliged to the noble Marquess for the very kind way in which he spoke of me, and I think I may claim this for myself, that I do care very much for this matter of education. I am anxious to see the education of the country efficient, and I believe that far more powerful than coercive measures for developing the efficiency of education in the country is the active sympathy, co-operation, and good will of the people, and anything which tends to divide the nation into two camps, to create a feeling of hostility and resentment, bordering, I might almost say, on civil war, is likely in the long run to be injurious to education.

I do not in the least dispute the right of the Government to bring in a Bill to remedy the defects in their legislation of 1902, but I do think this legislation of their's is wanting in statesmanship. It will not heal the breach; it will not facilitate that compromise, that *modus vivendi* which I think we saw in the debate on the Bishop of St. Asaph's Bill was desired by those who are interested in this question. Some people think that when going into negotiations it is better to do so armed with loaded revolvers. My belief is that if the clergy, the Nonconformists, and the civil party, the party of democracy and citizenship, all go into a conference with loaded revolvers, there is more likelihood of the revolvers going off than of any agreement being promoted and of their killing persons other than the combatants. I am perfectly sure of this and everyone I have spoken to on the subject admits it, that there will have to be very material changes in the direction of more popular government by those counties which have to find the money. They feel also that this religious question has somehow or other got to be met in some method of compromise. I think I may say that, generally speaking, those gentlemen one speaks to are rather impatient at the extreme eagerness of people whose theological sympathies are much more keen and much more subtle than those of the man in the street to force upon the man in the street the necessity of pressing those theological subtleties on young children. I am sure the noble Marquess, with his connection with Wales and with the populous and democratic county of Durham, must see that we have got to make a great step forward in the direction of working with the people and not against the people if we are to get a national system which will be good for the country.

Now let me make one or two observations upon the Bill, and why I think it a bad Bill. First of all I think that if the Government had waited a little longer they would have brought things nearer to a meeting. I am sure this Bill in parts of the country where the situation is strained will make it ten times as strained as it is now. I was a little surprised at the statement of the noble Marquess that there would not be time to hold inquiries in these cases. I think it does not lie in the mouths of those who take upon themselves the responsibility of governing a country to say that they have not time to meet the claims of justice. The noble Marquess, in almost the last words of his speech, asked for justice for all classes and all persons. Well, are not the county councils in the nature of classes and persons, and are they not entitled to justice as well as anyone else? The noble Marquess claimed to put these remedies in the absolute, free, administrative discretion of the Board of Education, quite uncontrolled.

We had a great deal of discussion last week as to what was the range of administration and what was the range of law, and, therefore, of justice, in local affairs with reference to the Licensing Bill. We saw that when the licensee was on his trial for misconduct, every precaution was taken by proper trial at quarter sessions that justice should be administered. Even in the region of administration every care was taken that that administration should be carried out in what the noble and learned Earl on the Woolsack called a judicial spirit, by securing the fullest opportunity to the party interested, and enabling evidence to be heard. But in this Bill you are substituting a new remedy for the remedies which you had under the Act of 1870, the Act of 1876, and your last Act of 1902. In the Act of 1870 there were drastic provisions for superseding school boards in default, but that enactment provided that no such school board should be superseded until there had been a public inquiry by the Education Department as it then was. The same was done in 1876, when you were dealing with school attendance committees, and in both those cases you had the further check of publicity and responsibility, for it became the duty of the Board of Education to report fully each case where they so acted to Parliament. One of my Amendments reproduces the words of those sections. By the Act of 1902, before you could proceed for a *mandamus* you had the obligation put upon you to hold a public inquiry. It was not only necessary in the Act of 1902 to go to Parliament. You there had greater safeguard than in the Acts of 1870 or 1876, because if the Board of Education applied for a *mandamus* they would have to set forth the facts they alleged, and if those facts did not disclose a legal obligation on the part of the school board the *mandamus* would not issue.

My contention is that under this Bill the Board of Education have turned into administration that which ought to have been judicial. You are passing from the temperate atmosphere of British justice to the administrative despotism of Russia. The proceedings clearly are judicial in their character. To say to a public authority—to say, for instance, to the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire—you have failed to comply with your statutory obligations and you are in default, and, therefore, we will divert money which by the Act of Parliament should go to you and devote it to paying sums which you ought to have paid under the Act—to make such a statement is charging them with an offence, and they ought pre-eminently to be heard. I should like to say—I do not know whether the noble Earl on the Woolsack will contradict me—that it is a fundamental axiom of law, it is what the old metaphysical lawyers would call part of the law of nature antecedent to all positive and municipal laws, that a person charged with an offence should be heard in his own defence.

Lord Stanley of Alderley.

I looked up a case which happened in 1858-1859 in which the defendant was no less a person than the Archbishop of Canterbury. A high church clergyman named Poole had been hearing confessions of an indelicate character from young women. This has now become so common that nobody notices it; but in those days the Bishop of London inquired into the matter and revoked Mr. Poole's licence. The curate appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, but the Archbishop, with a kindly confidence in the discretion and wisdom of his suffragan, confirmed his decision without giving Mr. Poole an opportunity of being heard in his own defence. But Mr. Poole, as is often done in these cases by clergy with high notions of ecclesiastical independence, appealed to the secular arm to protect him against his ecclesiastical superiors. In those days Lord Campbell was Lord Chief Justice, and in making the rule absolute and in ordering the Archbishop to hear Poole before he condemned him, his Lordship said—

> "One of the first principles of natural justice is that no man should be convicted without being first heard."

And the Lord Chief Justice went on in his judgment to quote these words—

> "*Qui aliquid statuerit parte inaudita altera aequum licet statuerit non aequus fuerit.*"

and continuing, he said—

> "A very aged judge said, not irreverently, that the Almighty and Omniscient Being would not condemn our first parents without their being heard. That precedent had always been acted upon."

I will grant to my noble friend the President of the Council that the provisions of the Act of 1902 as to the public inquiry may be lengthy. He will notice that in my Amendment I have not asked for so much as that. I have asked that before condemnation the charge should be communicated in writing to the incriminated persons, and that any evidence a local authority might desire to submit relative to the charge should be heard. I cannot think that the noble Marquess can seriously be of opinion that his argument as to the time an inquiry would take is material, because if, for instance, a defendant would not plead, if he remained mute of malice, then the Board of Education would be perfectly entitled—and I do not think anyone would complain of them if they did so—to adopt prompt means to deal with the case. I am quite sure that if the Board of Education had wished to give fair play to the defendants they would have given them an opportunity of being heard.

Then, again, why should it not be reported to Parliament? The draftsman who prepared this Bill might very fairly have secured that the searchlight of publicity and full record of their action should be turned on the Board of Education. The noble Marquess represented that it was not reasonable to wait indefinitely while some paltry question was being decided, but does not the noble Marquess see that that is amply covered in his own Bill? He has made a provision in Sub-section (a) of his first clause, that any act, thing, payment, or grant which in the opinion of the Board of Education might otherwise be invalid by reason of the default of the authority shall have effect. He cannot pretend that, if there was a charge, the inquiry and finding could not be got through in a month, and that the managers could not in the meantime finance the school in the paltry things mentioned, knowing that if the Board of Education decided that the school had been improperly deprived of these things they would be reimbursed. The object, no doubt, has been to leave this in the indefinite region of administration.

Mr. Lloyd-George seems to be the bogey man of the noble Marquess. I think we can afford to discuss this Bill without referring to any reported speech of Mr. Lloyd-George. Many politicians often crow loud on the platform, but when they come to be brought to the test of action we find that the crowing is not so effective. But does the noble Marquess think that nobody is ever guilty of walking round an Act except Mr. Lloyd-George and those whom he instigates? One of the reasons why I object to this Bill is that even if it directed the Board of Education to proceed with all regard to the forms of justice by giving a hearing before they condemned, our experience of the Board of Education is that that Board itself is not at all unwilling to walk round the Education Acts. If the noble Marquess would introduce a short Bill enabling anybody who thought the Board of Education were walking round or violating the Act to obtain a *mandamus* I should be quite content with that long circuitous method and should be glad of the opportunity of bringing the Board of Education to a Court of law to answer for their conduct.

Ever since the responsibility of the maintenance of schools has been put on public authorities and their support has come upon the rates, the Board of Education have very promptly taken the widest and most general powers, far beyond the definite obligations of the Code, when that Code was applied to voluntary schools with limited means. I do not find that the Board of Education have taken any steps to apply to existing schools the sanitary and structural requirements which they now declare to be needed in regard to all new schools. The Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee and other official documents contain plenty of statements with regard to the defective structural state of many schools. We now have it stated by a former Vice-President of the Council that at the headquarters of the Board of Education reports of inspectors have not only been suppressed, but have been doctored. The father of the noble Marquess the Lord Privy Seal, in his earlier days in the House of Commons, distinguished himself as a Private Member by making an attack on Mr. Lowe, who had at that time to resign because it was declared that some accounts of inspectors had been modified or suppressed. I have known for some time that the Board of Education in its public documents forbade inspectors from commenting on the shortcomings of any teacher. In the published instructions of the Board of Education they were ordered to make their remarks general and not to make any definite criticism on the teachers.

I will give an illustration or two of the neglect of the Board of Education to enforce the most elementary rules of health and decency in schools when they were voluntary schools. I have had before me, as chairman of the Anglesey Education Committee, various reports, and there are cases where year after year notes have been made, but nothing has been done to remedy the defects. There is one case which is quite comic. With regard to a certain school the Government inspector says, after talking of flagrant defects—

> "I ought to have reported this long ago, but the great age of the incumbent and the respect in which he is held in the neighbourhood made me hold my tongue; but now that a new clergyman is appointed, I feel that I must speak out."

It is notorious that for years the grossest indulgence has been shown in cases of the gravest sanitary defects in voluntary schools. Therefore, I say that the Board of Education have frequently walked round an Act of Parliament. It is this persistent policy of favouritism by the Board of Education, spread over a long series of years, which makes us rather distrust that Board being put, not in a judicial position, but in an administrative position to perform judicial acts. I know that in the Board of Education a great deal of what my Lords are supposed to be answerable for is merely the signature of some clerk not very high up in that office. I believe there may be quite ten officials who are authorised to sign letters on behalf of the Department.

I am sure the attention of the noble Marquess must have been called to the way in which the Board of Education have been working the schemes for foundation managers in schools which have come under this Act. To a large extent an additional denominational element has been thrown into the management of schools which was not there before. I will give one instance. It is the case of a school in Pembrokeshire, the St. Ishmael School. That school was vested in the rector and churchwardens. The rector and churchwardens were a kind of *quasi* corporation, but they had absolutely no rights in the school whatever. The managers were to be five persons elected by the freest suffrage of the subscribers and with no denominational obligations whatever. The Board of Education thrust upon these people a scheme altering it in a material way, limiting the popular character, and insisting that the rector and churchwardens should have a right to one of the seats held by the five elected managers. The desire of the Board of Education broke down here because in this parish, so strong is the prevalent anti-Board of Education sentiment, that although the rector and churchwardens had the power to elect one they did not elect the rector, and, therefore, in spite of that attempt of the Board of Education, the school still remains fully under popular control. But, as I say, no thanks to the Board of Education. I could give many similar instances.

I wish to say, in conclusion, a word or two as to the unwisdom of legislation which will set people at arms length. I hope the noble Marquess, when he comes to reflect, will see that he must not put his sympathies in the place of his legal rights, and no matter how much he would have liked to see the denominational schools treated as liberally as provided schools, the Act of 1902 has not said so. That Act provides that the schools shall be maintained in an efficient condition, and so long as they are staffed with sufficient and competent teachers, the requirements of the Act are satisfied. You may beat down illegal opposition, and, of course, illegal opposition is a thing which we do not stand up for, but what we must recognise is this, that there is a point in human endurance when, if you push people too far, a certain number will break out into illegal opposition. In Wales we have had many examples of that, from the Rebecca riots downwards.

Within the limits of the law there are ample means for unfriendly local authorities to make a great difference in the way they treat the voluntary schools. Recollect that in the whole region of what the Act calls education other than elementary, but which I prefer to call secondary education, they have an absolutely free hand, and need not give a penny unless they choose. By the Cockerton judgment you have made the whole training of pupil teachers a part of the secondary branch of education.

I am anxious that we should come to a state of live and let live, and, getting a large public control, that we should find some way to a common ground on the religious difficulties, and that we should all of us unite to do the best we can for the schools. But I feel certain that this is not the way to get at that. Strife does not lead to friendship and to co-operation. The steps taken in this Bill, I have no hesitation in saying, are lawless steps. I call it lawless to give to a Department, with no check upon it except the ultimate check of public opinion, discretionary power where their power ought to be judicial. Such confusion of administrative and judicial power has been much more common in other countries than in ours, and was a characteristic of the *ancien régime* in France. It was a very prominent characteristic of the form of government of the old monarchy in France before the Revolution, and you have only to read the wisest historians to see how that habit of using lawlessness in defence of privilege set the example to the people in the French Revolution to use the same method in their own defence.

This Bill will, I doubt not, become law; but I cannot pass from it without entering my most serious protest, because I think the Bill in itself mischievous to the cause of education, and dangerous as setting a bad example of lawless methods which may some day be turned upon those who now use them. The noble Marquess said that he had gone into the figures, and it was idle to say that the voluntary schools could be maintained by the Government grant without further aid. I quite agree that to attempt at the present day to maintain a school as it should be maintained, especially a small rural school, upon the public money without some local material effort is quite impossible; but there, again, I would like to ask the noble Marquess why, for so many years, the Board of Education acquiesced in a standard of efficiency in these schools which led to voluntary schools by the thousand being managed entirely without a shilling subscription, and that too when the public aid was less liberal than it is now? Of course, the truth is that they were not adequately maintained, and the Board of Education ought to have done their duty before. The Board of Education have not held the balance equally or fairly. While it was a question of private means and denominational schools, the balance leaned to inefficiency rather than pinch them, but now that it is a question of public means the balance is to be pressed heavily down on the side of efficiency at the expense of the community, while leaving the management not under public control. I am truly anxious, if I can, to pause on the brink of what I cannot but describe as as a sort of hidden civil war. I do not believe the Government will subdue these hot-headed Welshmen by coercion. I believe Taffy is sharp enough to do you in some way, but perhaps not in the way that has been adumbrated in *The Times* as the method likely to be adopted by Mr. Lloyd-George. If the Government start on this career of coercion I am afraid they will reap such a crop as they will live to regret.

Amendment moved—

"To leave out the word 'now' and add at the end of the Motion the words 'this day three months.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

*THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: My Lords, this Bill has been much associated outside the walls of Parliament, and perhaps even in another place, with questions of denominational controversy and religious differences; but, as a matter of fact, it has nothing, of necessity, to do with those questions. What has happened is that certain schools have not received from public sources the financial aid to which they are entitled under the Act of 1902. This Bill proposes to remedy this not by coercion, for it deliberately avoids that, but by providing some mode by which, from public sources, the funds which have not been hitherto forthcoming should be supplied.

The grievance is said to be felt mainly, or solely, at this moment in Church schools. I literally do not know whether that statement is accurate or not, and it does not seem to me to affect the question at all. Whether the managers are Churchmen or Nonconformists, whatever is the nature of the schools which have found themselves, contrary to the law, placed in a position in which they are unable to be maintained in efficiency, my sympathy goes out to the managers who are placed in a position of such extraordinary difficulty. Many of those who have been placed in that position during the last few months have shown in the face of almost crushing difficulties a patience, a public spirit, and a quiet perseverance which are beyond all praise. I say this not because they are Churchmen. I should say exactly the same thing if they were those who were the extremest opponents of Churchmen, provided they were placed in a like position.

What we have to consider is simply that men who are entitled by law to have certain moneys provided to enable them to discharge duties which have been laid upon them have been left without those moneys. They are therefore entitled to our sympathy and to the help which the provisions of this Bill will afford them. Were the position reversed; if it had happened that Church party spirit or Church high handedness or bigotry of any kind had led to the violation of a law clearly enacted and laid down, and that that violation was supposed to be for the advantage of Churchmen and to the disadvantage of their opponents, I should feel exactly as I do now, that the Legislature ought to provide some remedy and to see that justice was done. It is not a denominational question. It is simply a question the ordinary administration of the law of for the benefit of the citizens as a whole.

I was greatly interested in two propositions to which, as I understood him, the noble Lord opposite committed himself. One was that it was the duty of any Ministry to give effect to the law as it stood, whether that law was passed by themselves or by their opponents, and hat illegal opposition was a thing which he certainly would not stand up for. The other was that the whole effort of educational authorities in Wales during the last few months had really been to make every school of every kind as efficient as the law allowed.

Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY: I did not say that.

The LORD ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY: I am sorry I misunderstood the noble Lord, but in that case I need not go on to say what I should have been prepared to say if the noble Lord had committed himself to such a proposition, that the facts would have been against him. If it is the case that Wales is at this moment desirous of applying in all practicable ways the law as it stands for the promotion of education, then this Act will become a dead letter. It is only where the cause of education is not being promoted, where the children are suffering, and where things are going backward, that we desire, not on any ground of partisan politics or of denominational spirit, but simply in order to promote administrative efficiency in carrying out the trust, to pass such measure as the Government think is necessary for that purpose. This seems to be the true position of the matter, and I, for one, feel that the Government have only done their duty in bringing in a measure to facilitate the quiet and effective administration of the law of the land.

The Earl of CREWE: My Lords, the noble Marquess who introduced this measure expressed a feeling of deep regret that the Government were, as he considered, obliged to bring it in. That regret is fully shared by us who sit on this side of the House. The only difference between us is that we place the responsibility for the measure on different shoulders from those on which it is placed by the noble Marquess. It is, of course, a matter of general agreement among all Members of your Lordships' House, as was stated by my noble friend Lord Stanley of Alderley in what I think every one will admit was an exceedingly well reasoned and moderate speech, that any Government is *prima facie* compelled to enforce its own laws, and a very heavy burden of proof rests upon those who for any reason may decline to comply with those laws. That is a matter which is of such general agreement that it really is not worth arguing in your Lordships' House.

But if, in spite of that, we take exception to this Bill I think it is reasonable to state that there is no ground for calling upon us on this side of the House to suggest a remedy for the position in which His Majesty's Government find themselves placed. We should not have passed the noble Marquess's Act at all in the form in which it was passed, and therefore we cannot, as I think, be called upon to suggest any remedy for the position in which the noble Marquess finds himself placed. The noble Marquess, in his opening remarks, quoted with some freedom the name of my friend Mr. Lloyd-George, and he implied, I think, that the state of things which had given rise to the introduction of this measure was in no small degree due to Mr. Lloyd-George's action. Now, Mr. Lloyd-George, as we all know, is a man not only of very great ability, but also of very great energy and activity, and it stands to reason that in any national movement of this kind he would take a prominent place. But, on this subject, Mr. Lloyd-George has throughout shown a very strong disposition towards conciliation. I need not remind the House of the negotiations which took place between him and the Bishop of St. Asaph and others, in which I think it was generally agreed that on both sides a spirit of great conciliation and moderation was shown.

I cannot help thinking that this is one of those cases in which the Conservative Party is wont to ascribe to agitators what is the result of a national movement. A belief in the power of agitators is as strongly impressed on the minds of the Conservative Party as was the belief in the power of witches in the 16th century; and I do not know any better test you can take of the division between Conservative and Liberal than the fact that the one believes in the almost omnipotent nature of agitators, whilst the other believes very little in the power of agitators at all. What we believe is that unless any movement has a strong national following at the back of it, all the efforts of two or three people, however eloquent and however capable, will be in vain. In a recent debate, Lord Balfour of Burleigh was bantered by the noble Marquess the Lord Privy Seal upon his general belief in the excellence of Scottish judgment when applied to legislation, and I should like to ask your Lordships whether you can conceive a measure of this kind being applied to Scotland. Of course, it is open to anybody, particularly to a Scotsman, to say that Scotsmen never ask for anything but what is absolutely reasonable, and that, therefore, the case could not arise; but I would ask your Lordships whether, in any measure on which Scottish feeling in the opinion of the Government was wrongly roused, you would endeavour to take any such steps as those which His Majesty's Government are attempting to take on the present occation?

The noble Marquess opposite alluded to Ireland, and expressed regret—a regret which we all share—at the absence of the noble Earl the Leader of the Opposition. He said Lord Spencer had shown, during his occupancy of the Viceroyalty of Ireland, the absolute necessity of ensuring obedience to the law. I would venture to point out that when my noble friend was in Ireland and devoting himself, as we know, at great personal risk to ensuring obedience to the law, that law was directed against crime and outrage, and not against opinion; and I would further remind the noble Marquess that, after two periods as Viceroy, the conclusion at which my noble friend arrived was this, that it was impossible to continue to govern that country in direct opposition to popular opinion.

The most rev. Primate who has just sat down said, and I think we are all disposed to agree with him, that it is impossible not to feel both regret and pity at the position in which some managers of schools may be placed by the action of the Welsh county councils, and also a still deeper regret if the education of any children suffers in consequence of their action. I am sure we fully share that regret. But the most rev. Primate himself admitted the keenness for education felt by the Welsh county councils, and I would ask him and the House to consider that there must be a very great depth of sincere conviction behind these county councils before they could take action, which I am certain must in many cases be painful to them, in so far as it interferes with the education of the children or inflicts hardships on those who have made sacrifices to support education.

The speech of my noble friend, Lord Stanley of Alderley was, I think, a conciliatory speech, and I am certain he struck the right note when he said it was only by conciliation and a compromise of some kind that this matter can be happily settled. I cannot think that in introducing this Bill, as they have, the Government have shown a sense of the possibility of conciliation. The form of the Bill does not concern us materially in this House, because it will be passed rapidly through its different stages, but I feel bound to remind your Lordships that the form is an unusual one. It is distinctly unusual to include in one clause, as is done in this Bill, a number of very distinct provisions which I have no doubt noble Lords who are used to the drafting of Bills will agree it would have been infinitely more usual to place under the heading of separate clauses. That form, so far as I know, was taken with the view of facilitating the passage of the Bill in another place; but if it had that effect it was only, as we know, after unfortunate incidents to which I need not further allude. There is no doubt that the adoption of that particular form added very considerably to the exasperation of those who were opposed to the Bill on its merits. I fear it is a case, as my noble friend said, that His Majesty's Government in this measure have declared war on public opinion in Wales. I most deeply regret it, and I can only say that, whatever unhappy consequences may ensue, and in particular whatever unfortunate consequences may ensue to the cause of education in that country, which, after all, is the main matter, in our opinion the principal responsibility will rest on the head of His Majesty's Government.

Earl CAWDOR: My Lords, I do not think we have had placed before us what is really the issue we have to consider. The noble Lord who moved the rejection of this Bill made a very interesting speech, but, with great deference to him, I venture to say it did not touch the fringe of the question. The question we have to discuss is whether or not the Bill is necessary in consequence of the position taken up by certain local education authorities, notably in Wales. The noble Lord did not attempt to show that local authorities were endeavouring to do their duty. Does he maintain that the Act of 1902 is being administered in Wales?

Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY: In several counties.

Earl CAWDOR: But what about the others?

Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY: I know nothing about the others.

Earl CAWDOR: As a matter of fact, every one knows that it is not so administered. An inquiry was held some time ago by Mr. Lawrence, and it is shown distinctly that, point after point, the county in which that inquiry was held was in default. They declined to appoint managers, to properly maintain the schools, or to take any steps whatever to bring the Act into force. I am aware that subsequently many of these matters were ostensibly set right, but that took place the moment that this Bill had been introduced into Parliament and not before. Another action taken in the same county was the withdrawal of all provision as to attendance of children in non-provided schools, which produced such an enormous loss in revenue in regard to grants, owing to non-attendance, that the county council had to meet again and reverse their policy in that respect. I would like to know from the noble Lord what step he and his friends think ought to be taken. Is the noble Lord, with his love of education, content that the Act of 1902 should be a dead letter, even in one county? I am sure the noble Lord would not undertake the responsibility of saying "Yes" to that question. If that is the case, what is the position? Are we to wait, and if so, how long? How long are the children in these schools to be starved? How long are we to tolerate the position of schoolmasters not having their salaries fixed and vacancies not filled up? I do not believe the noble Lord would tolerate for one moment the idea that we should wait until the county councils came to their senses and administered the Act. The noble Lord said that the duties of the Board of Education should be solely judicial and not administrative.

Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY: I did not say that.

Earl CAWDOR: I understood the noble Lord to say that the Board of Education in a matter of this kind should not undertake administrative duties.

LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY: I said that when they took upon themselves a judicial duty they should not turn it into an administrative one.

EARL CAWDOR: You have to deal with the position as it stands. There is a non-administration of the law. A judicial decision has already been given, particularly in the case of Mr. Lawrence's inquiry, but that could not put the matter right. He merely discovered that certain local authorities were in default, but that did not, and could not, mend the matter. Therefore you are driven to the alternative of having some administrative power behind, which can say, "If the local authority does not do its duty we will step in and see that it is done for them." We are told that this Bill is going to give rise to great disturbance and great trouble. Who is it going to hurt? It cannot by any possibility hurt any authority which administers the Act properly. It can only come into operation when the local authority sets itself deliberately to defy Parliament. Any Government that did not, in these circumstances, bring in a Bill of this kind would not be fit to administer the affairs of State. The noble Earl who spoke last taunted the Party on this side with thinking a great deal too much of agitation. Possibly I have had more experience of agitation than the noble Earl.

Let me tell your Lordships, in a few words, what agitation has done in this matter. In Carnarvonshire the education committee appointed by the county council set to work to enforce the Act, whereupon they brought down upon themselves a whirlwind of political agitation. It was declared that this was wrong and that the education committee must go back on what they had done, must pass what was called a "no-rate" resolution. That agitation was conducted in every polling district for county council election purposes, and the members of the education committee were held up to execration and told that if they did not turn round they would be turned out. What was the result? There was a meeting of the county council and of the education committee. The education committee turned clean round and reversed the decision to which they had arrived, consequent, of course, on this political agitation, and they passed a resolution practically declaring that they would not administer the Act. Does the noble Lord call that agitation which has nothing in it? We are told that in face of this agitation we are to wait, that a little time will heal everything and put things right. I wonder whether the noble Lord has noticed in the newspapers during the last day or two statements of a proposed autumn campaign. I will not say whether or not there is anything in it, but the people who fanned the present agitation into being have threatened to get the county councils to set themselves up against this Bill. This is a Bill which cannot hurt anyone; it is only intended to work against local authorities which will not administer the law; and I hope your Lordships will give it a Second Reading.

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN: My Lords, it is very gratifying, not only, I am sure, to my noble friend Lord Stanley of Alderley, but also to those who sit on these Benches, to observe the very courteous manner in which members of His Majesty's Government recognise the noble Lord's claim to speak with especial authority upon this subject. We on this side of the House, on the other hand, fully recognise the zealous and conscientious manner in which the noble Marquess the President of the Board of Education discharges the duties of his office, though unfortunately we find ourselves in disagreement with him on this occasion. There is one feature in this measure which has not been alluded to except incidentally. Perhaps your Lordships will say it ought not to be alluded to. What I have in mind is the history of the Bill before it left the other House of Parliament. I know it is regarded as out of order to refer to what occurred in the other House, but I could quote a very good precedent for the sort of allusion I am about to make in a debate on the Compensation for Disturbances (Ireland) Bill. On that occasion I remember Lord Beaconsfield alluding to certain matters connected with the course of that Bill through the House of Commons, and therefore I think it is not altogether out of place for me to remind your Lordships that some very remarkable occurrences took place in connection with this Bill. I allude to that matter by way of illustrating the fact that there is good ground for the apprehension of Lord Stanley and others that the passing of this Bill will not necessarily have the effect which the noble Earl who has just spoken seems so confidently to assume that it will have, namely, the effect of settling this question.

One of my noble friend Lord Stanley's chief objections to the Bill is that it confers discretionary power on the Board of Education. That may have an irritating effect and accentuate the feeling of injustice which, as we know, has been at the bottom of the opposition to the Act of 1902. Though it may not be easy to suggest a remedy, I think a further attempt at conciliation, and the giving of a little more time for that purpose, would have been more likely to succeed than this drastic measure. It is very easy to say that the local authorities are defying the law; but it must be remembered that they are animated by conscientious objection, and not by a mere spirit of lawlessness. We have had plenty of evidence as to the nature of the movement, which shows that the agitation is conducted by men of unimpeachable character, and is marked by deep earnestness and conviction. That being so, any attempt to deal with it in a hard and fast manner by Act of Parliament will lead, not to the peaceful settlement which we all desire, but to fresh complications.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST. DAVID'S: My Lords, I do not think, as a Welsh Bishop, I should be doing my duty if I were to let this debate pass without saying a few words. First of all, let me say that I most heartily concur with the noble Earl opposite that there are earnest and deep-seated convictions against the Act of 1902; but I am quite sure the noble Earl will agree with me when I venture to claim that earnestness and deep-seated convictions are by no means all on one side of this unhappy controversy. The managers of Church schools in Wales fully deserve the cordial recognition which the most rev. Primate gave of their patience and public spirit. I also would like to recognise the moderation and the candour of the able speech of the noble Lord the mover of the Amendment, whom we are very glad now to find is a chairman of a Welsh education committee; and I, for my part, who take, if I may venture to say so, sincere interest in education apart from its controversial aspect, have great hopes that the tone of the noble Lord's speech to-day will animate all his share in educational matters in Wales, and will do great good.

Regret has been expressed on both sides of the House at the necessity for the introduction of this Bill. No one in this House can regret that necessity more than myself. For, as a Welshman, I am very proud of anything which redounds to the credit of my countrymen, and I always read with great satisfaction the testimony of His Majesty's Judges year after year as to the law-abiding character of the Welsh people. I am quite sure that the noble Lord opposite, when his residence in Wales has extended over a longer period, will give to my countrymen a praise somewhat warmer than he has extended to them to-night. I have risen particularly to say that, in my opinion, the reason why this Bill is unfortunately necessary is that those who are responsible for leading Welsh opinion have committed two serious mistakes. The first is a mistake of fact—namely, that there is no necessity to charge any part of the cost of the maintenance of the non-provided schools on the rates, as the increased grant from the Exchequer would cover the loss of voluntary contributions; and the second is, that the Welsh county councils will have done their business if they keep the non-provided schools up to the level of efficiency of 1902. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education has shown in another place that the first calculation is £12,000 a year wide of the mark; and that it is impossible to maintain the standard of 1902 in the non-provided schools without the assistance of the rates.

It has been asked whether in several districts in Wales the Act has been fairly administered. I hold in my hand a list of nineteen schools in Montgomeryshire where at the present moment the teachers are not paid, and the Bishop of St. Asaph, in *The Times* a few days ago, gave a very pathetic incident of the hardship involved. There are fifteen schools in Merionethshire in the same condition. We are told that our voluntary schools are in an unsatisfactory condition structurally, but in Carmarthenshire there was no imposition of any kind made upon the managers in regard to buildings, and in Montgomeryshire I understand the sole reason alleged why the teachers are not paid is that the Parliamentary grants for those schools have been exhausted. It is strange, too, that those who have said that we ought to be content with the standard of efficiency of maintenance in 1902 should now turn round and say that we must have a very much higher standard with regard to buildings. The critics of the Act of 1902 cannot be allowed to have it both ways.

I sincerely hope that this Bill, which, I have no doubt, will pass into law, may not be put in operation. I particularly hope that because I believe that the agitation which has brought us to the present position in Wales rested on a mistake, but neither Welshmen nor any other nation can very well be blamed for not being infallible. Those who are persuading the county councils of Wales to take up this unhappy line of action may, however, now that the facts have been brought out, reconsider their position without any loss of honour, and I am quite sure that if they do they will find that the managers of Church schools in Wales, and the clergy and laity of the Church in Wales, will be delighted to meet them at least half-way.

*THE MARQUESS OF RIPON : My Lords, I probably approach this question from a somewhat different point of view from that of my noble friend who moved the Amendment, but I concur in the conclusion to which he has arrived. No one who has listened to this debate can doubt that we are placed in a very difficult position in regard to the Education Act of 1902, and it is necessary that we should carefully consider the results to which that Act has already led. When that Act was passing through Parliament there were many—and I was one—who had great doubt about it, and who believed that it would not lead to a satisfactory result in many respects; but I do not profess to have had sufficient foresight to have discovered all the evils which I think have arisen out of it. In one part of the country public bodies are taking a course which is inconsistent with the Act of Parliament, and in other parts of the country there are large numbers of persons who sympathise with the action which is being taken in Wales.

This is, very properly, a general Act, and it concerns the whole of the country, but, of course, when it is passed it will have operation mainly in Wales. I was very glad to hear the right rev. Prelate who has just spoken say that he hoped it would not come into operation. That feeling I share; but I am bound to say I do not in the least expect that it will not come into operation. I am convinced that one of its main effects will be to increase the difficulties and irritation which now exist on this subject. The present state of things may be dealt with in two ways. It may either be dealt with by conciliatory or by unconciliatory measures—I will not, in deference to the noble Marquess, use the word coercion. But where those engaged in controversy are on both sides earnest and conscientious men, as in this case, nothing is more necessary than that you should proceed by a method of conciliation. By rejecting such methods, and relying alone upon methods of an opposite character, such as the present Bill, you will not bring this controversy to an end; you will not approach the day when some statesmanlike solution of the difficulty may be found; you will only increase and aggravate it and render more and more difficult any really satisfactory solution.

Earlier in this session there seemed for a moment to be an opportunity of turning to the ways of conciliation. The right rev. Prelate the Bishop of St. Asaph, who, unhappily, is not in the House on this occasion, made a speech and introduced a Bill instinct with the spirit of conciliation. I do not say that a settlement could have been made on the exact basis of that Bill—I do not think that it could—but I do say that if His Majesty's Government had been inclined to proceed by way of conciliation, they might have done a great deal in that direction if they had discussed and endeavoured to amend the Bill of the right rev. Prelate. Everybody spoke kindly on that Bill, but nothing was done. I looked the other day to see in exactly what position the Bill was at the present moment. My Lords, it is waiting for Committee, and it will wait for Committee till Parliament is prorogued. The opportunity which it offered was rejected, and we have instead proposals dealing with the matter in a very different spirit.

Do not let the noble Marquess believe that this measure will not aggravate the difficulties that exist. I will make no allusion, because it is, perhaps, not right that we should do so, to anything which passed in another place upon a recent occasion; but does the noble Marquess really believe that the Welsh people are likely to give up their opinions, and to abandon the advice of those who lead them, in consequence of this measure? I could hold no notion of the kind. I believe that that which ought to be our foremost object in this matter, namely, the bringing together of the parties who differ so as to come to some settlement upon it, will be rendered infinitely more difficult by the passage of this Bill. I do not at all say that in a case where the persons on both sides of the controversy entertain honest and sincere convictions of a conscientious nature it is easy to come to a settlement. It is not. But, my Lords, I cannot believe that it exceeds the statesmanship of this country to arrive at a settlement of this matter, if there is the real desire to do so, upon fair and equal terms.

It is often thought that the views put forward by Nonconformists are not really conscientious views. I differ entirely from that opinion. I have known the Nonconformists of this country for some fifty years; I have known particularly their views on this subject of education, and I have no doubt that the views which they hold—views which I do not myself share—are quite as conscientious as my own views in respect to the necessity of definite religious instruction. Therefore, my Lords, this Bill will not do what we want. It will aggravate and prolong the controversy and render it more difficult to bring it to an end. I was reading this morning a speech by Lord Hugh Cecil in another place, and I find that he there said, or is reported to have said, that he was certian that no educational settlement would be permanent until all religious

bodies acquiesced in it. I agree entirely with Lord Hugh Cecil in that; but I do not believe—I cannot believe—that that is a state of things which cannot by skill and conciliation be brought about. Lord Hugh Cecil went on to say that Nonconformists must try to understand the Church position—that is to say, the position of those who are in favour of the existence of denominational schools. I quite agree with that statement, but I must add to it by saying that I think that the friends of denominational schools must also on their side try to understand the feelings of Nonconformists. That is the proper method of conciliation. There will be, of course, up to the end of time, extreme men on both sides who are incapable of understanding the meaning of conciliation, and who look only to the methods of force. But force will not settle the question. In the meantime the education of this country is to grievously suffer; in the meantime the difficulties that have arisen are not at all being allayed, but rather increased; and it is my firm conviction that if something is not done to settle this question and to bring about a general agreement—so far as such a thing is possible in regard to this matter—we shall be heading straight for a system of secular schools. That is not a system I desire to promote or to see established, but, honestly, I believe it is the continuation of this controversy which will tend to bring it in. This Bill, then, will make no settlement. It will be met, as I believe, with stern opposition and resistance. It will not benefit the education of this country; it will not improve our schools, and I believe still more that the class of schools which will suffer most from the erroneous policy which is now pursued will be the denominational schools.

On Question, whether the word "now" shall stand part of the Motion, resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2^a accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

THE TRANSVAAL LABOUR ORDINANCE AND NATIVE TAXATION IN FIJI.

Lord STANMORE: I desire to call attention to the Twenty-second Article of the Royal Instructions issued to the Governor of the Transvaal on the 23rd September, 1902; and to ask the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether it is still in force. Also to ask the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether His Majesty's Government has any objection to lay upon the Table any correspondence which has lately taken place with regard to the recent alterations in the native taxation system of Fiji.

My Lords, at this late period of the session, and in this thin House, which I am sorry to see I am making thinner, I have no temptation to dwell at any length upon the Questions I wish to put. I ought, perhaps, to make some apology for putting them at all, were it not that I think there is a point of some gravity to which it is desirable to call the attention of this House and of the public before the close of the session. Two years ago Royal Instructions were committed to the Governor of the Transvaal on his appointment. The Twenty-second Article of these Instructions contains a prohibition to the Governor to assent to certain classes of Ordinances, some half-dozen of which are enumerated. One of these prohibitions, couched in the strongest possible terms, is a prohibition to assent in the name of the Sovereign to any Ordinance by which disabilities or restrictions are imposed on persons not of European birth or descent which are not equally imposed on persons of European birth or descent. I need not point out the glaring inconsistency between this prohibition and the ordinance lately passed in the Transvaal with regard to Chinese labour. That inconsistency is clear and manifest and needs no comment, nor will it receive any from me.

I think I know what will be the answer of my noble friend the Under-Secretary of State with regard to it. He will point out a proviso at the end of that clause of the Instructions, which allows the Secretary of State to dispense in any particular case with any of these prohibitions, and he will probably add as a further answer that similar provisions have been already enacted in other places without objections being raised to them. As regards the second objection I simply deny it. I am not at present, in this House and under the present circumstances, going into the details of the subject or to argue it. It is quite unnecessary for me to go into any detailed examination of the various points in which the Ordinances on similar subjects in other colonies differ from that which has been passed in the Transvaal. In my opinion the provisions are absolutely different, and in themselves are sufficient to show how different they are. But without going into them at this time there is one distinction, and one alone, which makes them absolutely different, *i.e.*, the object of each is different, however much separate provisions may be similar. The object of the Mauritius, West Indies, and Fijian Ordinances with regard to immigration is to ensure the performance of a contract and that only. The disabilities to which persons are subjected in those places are only those strictly requisite to ensure the performance of the contract. But the object of the Transvaal Ordinance is different. It is to prevent or hinder all association or contact between the European population and those non-European elements introduced under it. This is effected by provisions which are directed to that object, and which are not necessary merely to ensure the performance of a contract for labour. Therefore the second answer that is likely to be made to me I pay no attention to. To the first and more important answer that the Secretary of State has a dispensing power I at once admit that that forms a perfect technical answer to my objection, but not, I think, an equally satisfactory moral answer. That power of dispensation is given to the Secretary of State manifestly in order to meet practical difficulties. I do not suppose that those who framed that proviso had in their minds any intention whatever that it should set aside principles that were laid down as being of general and universal application. Occasions may arise on which on many of the subjects set out practical difficulties may occur which the interference of the Secretary of State can remove, but the great principle laid down, viz., that European and non-European residents in a country are to be treated alike, is not one which it was intended by the framers of the Instructions to be dealt with in this way.

I do not know that that alone would have induced me to ask these

Questions; it is to a much wider question that I desire to call your Lordships' attention. This action is only one of many things which lead me to fear that the whole action, tone, and spirit of the Colonial Department of the present day show a grave and growing departure from the maxims which prevailed there some thirty or forty years ago. In the Transvaal Colony I see it is proposed—setting aside Chinese labour—to limit and restrict the liberties which belong to His Majesty's Indian subjects resident in that Colony. It is said that the proposal is looked on with no disfavour that all Indians resident in that colony should be restricted in their rights of shop-keeping and selling. These debates have led me to go very carefully and minutely into the subject, and I find that in the West Indies regulations which were some years ago deemed not only by me but by those of higher rank than myself, under whom I was employed at the Colonial Office, and by those who worked under me in the colony, to be essentially necessary to the protection of the imported labourer—that these regulations have one by one gradually been dropped and abandoned, and that they now no longer regulate the state of things in those islands. I see every symptom of the same thing recurring. I am not attacking His Majesty's Government or the present or the late Secretary of State for that; it is not a matter that concerns one Government or one period. All I am saying is that I believe a change, and a great change, has come over the Department which is looked upon as a permanent institution. There are many causes which may naturally account for this and I will not weary your Lordships by going into them now, at a future time I may propose to do so. I wish before the close of the session to say that taking all these things together it is my intention, if I am still on the roll of living Peers next year, to move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the present state of the immigration laws prevailing in the West Indian Colonies and the abandonment of protective measures for the non-European races.

That leads me to the second question. I ask my noble friend whether he will lay before the House the correspondence which has passed with regard to the alterations lately made in the native taxation system of Fiji. I do not say that those alterations may not be necessary; possibly they are; but I do know that some amendment of these regulations has long been thought to be necessary for the preservation of the native races there, and therefore I trust that any modifications which have been made are alterations decided on with great care, judgment, and moderation. We cannot form a judgment unless we see the correspondence which has passed. My noble friend will not be suprised at my taking a strong personal interest in what passes in those islands and any legislation with regard to them. I hope he will see his way to give us that information, without which we cannot accurately judge of the measures which may be called for, but which on the other hand may be measures destructive to the preservation of the native races in that region.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES (the Duke of MARLBOROUGH): I am sure my noble friend's connection with the various matters relating to Colonial administraiton entitle him to be listened to with respect. He has told us that next session he hopes to bring the matter before your Lordships, and it will then be my duty to reply or give such information as I can. I am sorry that my noble friend is under the impression that His Majesty's Government have only technically kept within the bounds of the Royal Instructions. I cannot agree with him, for, as he is perfectly well aware, this clause to which he refers is still in force. The clause in question Clause 22, runs as follows—

> "No ordinance shall take effect until assented to in Our name by the Governor, and the Governor shall not assent in Our name to any Ordinance of any of the following classes."

The following classes, which are enumerated, include the one to which my noble friend alluded, namely, any Ordinance whereby persons not of European birth or descent may be subjected or made liable to any disabilities or restrictions which are not imposed on persons of European birth or descent. Although the Governor cannot assent to any

Ordinance of this kind, yet, as my noble friend has pointed out, there is a proviso in the case of emergency for the immediate operation of an Ordinance. The proviso runs as follows—

> "Unless in the case of any such Ordinance as aforesaid he shall have previously obtained Our Instructions upon such Ordinance through one of our principal Secretaries of State."

My noble friend is perfectly well aware that these Asiatic Importation Ordinances have been the subject of prolonged discussions and correspondence between the Secretary of State and Lord Milner, and as that is the case it is clear that we have already complied with the proviso. But there is yet another proviso which reads—

> "Unless such Ordinance shall contain a clause suspending the operation of such Ordinance until the signification of Our pleasure thereupon."

That is to say, the Ordinance must have in it a clause, the effect of which is perfectly clearly stated in the Transvaal Labour Importation Ordinance itself. That Ordinance contains a clause providing—

> "This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the Labour Importation Ordinance and shall not take effect unless and until the Governor shall proclaim in the *Gazette* that it is His Majesty's pleasure not to disallow the same, and thereupon it shall come into operation upon such a date as the Governor shall notify by proclamation."

My noble friend will see that this proviso to which I have alluded is contained in the Transvaal Labour Ordinance, therefore he will admit that Lord Milner has complied in every way with Article 22 of the Royal Instructions. Whether we have only complied technically or not is a matter I am afraid I cannot discuss with my noble friend. He thinks we have only complied technically and that morally we are open to censure and criticism. I confess I am not able to follow my noble friend on that point, which is somewhat abstruse, but I think he will see that so far as the technical aspect or the legal aspect of the case is concerned both Lord Milner and His Majesty's Government have complied absolutely with the Royal Instructions which were laid down some two years ago.

LORD STANMORE: I perfectly admit that my noble friend is technically justified. My point was only this; that when you lay down a great and general principle, if you proceed at once to act contrary to that principle, you had better abolish it at once.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (The Earl of HALSBURY): Order, order! The noble Lord has no right of reply.

THE CROWN AGENTS AND THE TRANSVAAL AND ORANGE RIVER COLONIES.

EARL GREY: I desire to ask His Majesty's Government whether arrangements have been made for transferring from the Crown Agents to the Administrations of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony the responsibility for the placing of freight contracts and the purchasing of stores.

The approaching conference which has been convened by Lord Milner to consider the question of shipping freight to South Africa makes it important for us to know whether the Crown Agents, acting under the control of His Majesty's Government, or the Administrations of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, are to be responsible in future for the placing of freight contracts.

If the Crown Agents are to remain in the future, as they have been in the past, responsible for the purchase of all the Government stores and railway material required by the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies, they will approach the conference with all the weight and importance of the predominant partner, and unless they can recommend a definite policy of their own they will occupy a position which will not add to the dignity of, or reflect credit upon, the Imperial Government.

Although I have repeatedly called your Lordships' attention to the fact that under the present system, supported, as I think, most unwisely by His Majesty's Government, British shipping companies are charging English shippers more than twice the rates charged to American shippers on manufactured goods consigned to South Africa, the Government have shown, up to now, no sign whatever of ability to cope with this question.

The noble Duke stated on the 12th July, when the matter was last under discussion, that until the Government were informed of the wishes and views of the people of South Africa upon the shipping question it would be premature for His Majesty's Government to offer an opinion upon such a difficult and complicated matter.

My Lords, I certainly hope that this declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government means that they intend to hand over the responsibility of placing their freight to the Administrations of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies. They cannot contemplate attending this shipping conference as the largest shipper, with no mind of their own and nothing but a drifting policy.

I wish to state, with all the emphasis I can command—and I have good reasons for my statement—that if the various Governments of South Africa agree to a common policy of refusing to place their freight contracts with any shipping company which employs the 10 per cent. rebate system, or which refuses to carry for the ordinary public at the same rates as for the Governments, or which carries goods from United States ports which are more than 600 miles further from South Africa than the ports of the United Kingdom at lower rates than from British ports, the present system, which is driving trade to America, which under the free play of natural conditions belongs to England, will at once disappear.

If the Government have no mind of their own on this matter, is it not better that they should transfer the responsibility to those who recognise that they have both an opportunity and a duty of safeguarding the interests of the South African consumer and of the British producer?

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH: My Lords, I hope I shall not be out of order if I allude for one moment to a Question put to me by Lord Stanmore to the effect whether His Majesty's Government would lay upon the Table any correspondence in connection with Fiji. I can assure him that between now and next session the Papers to which he refers will be laid, and that will give him an opportunity of discussing the affairs of Fiji when Parliament re-assembles.

THE EARL OF HALSBURY: The noble Duke will be somewhat out of order in alluding to that question.

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH: My Lords, with reference to the Question of the noble Lord, Earl Grey, as to whether His Majesty's Government have come to any arrangement for transferring from the Crown Agents to the Administrations of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony the responsibility for the placing of freight contracts and the purchasing of stores, I have to say the reply to the Question is in the negative. Our intention is not as the noble Earl surmises, but Lord Milner has asked us, and the Secretary of State has agreed, that the local Government of the Transvaal may, in those cases where economy can clearly be shown, and where it is likely to be promoted, issue tenders for stores locally as well as through the Crown Agents to the merchants at home. Those tenders will be issued simultaneously, and it is hoped by this departure from the previous system that the local merchants may be given every facility for seeing whether they can complete on as favourable terms as the merchants at home have done hitherto through the Crown Agents. The noble Earl, in the course of his remarks, said His Majesty's Government did not know their own mind in this matter, but I think that is rather a severe criticism of their action. We are as aware as the noble Earl that this matter of contracts, and especially of freights, is one that is exercising the minds not only of people in this country, but also in South Africa, and it is our desire to co-operate, so far as lies in our power, in discovering whether any machinery can be employed for rectifying any of those evils which, in the opinion of the noble Earl, exist. Perhaps he will allow me to tell him exactly the position of the South African Conference which is to take place on 22nd August. The Governments of the South African Colonies have decided to hold this conference with regard to shipping freights. The terms of reference and the methods of procedure have not been finally settled, but Lord Milner has informed the Secretary of State that the object of the conference will be to inquire into the charges now obtaining for ocean freight to South Africa and the disposal of shipping orders by the various Governments, and to endeavour to arrive at some means of securing advantages for the general public equal to those enjoyed by the Governments. The delegates will be invited to present a report and recommendations. The Colonies asked through the High Commissioner that an expert should be sent out to assist in the labours of the conference—an expert who was unconnected with any Government or any ring. In response to that request Mr. Douglas Owen, a barrister-at-law, has been selected and sent out. Mr. Owen is a recognised authority in all branches of shipping law and practice; he is well known for his work in connection with the Port of London, and is not connected with any Government or any shipping firm. In view of the fact that this conference is going to be held, and of the important matters which will be discussed at that conference, I do not think that the observations I made to the noble Earl the other day were altogether misplaced. I then said that it would be premature, in view of these facts, for the Government to offer any opinion until we were able to ascertain the views and ideas of the various Governments of South Africa upon this very difficult and complicated question, a question which is exercising the attention, not only of the noble Earl and people in this country, but also of our fellow countrymen throughout South Africa.

RHODESIA.

EARL GREY: My Lords, I desire to move for a Return of the cost of the several Colonies of the British Empire at the expense of the British Exchequer for each of the years from 1853 to 1903 in the same form, as nearly as may be, as the information supplied in the House of Commons Paper, No. 417, of Session 1881; and also their population, and the annual value of their trade with the United Kingdom, so far as it can be given, for the latest year for which the figures are available. I regret that I have to trespass again on the indulgence of your Lordships, but I think your Lordships will agree that it is a very important question that I am raising.

My objects in moving for this Return are both general and special. I think it is desirable that we should have authoritative data supplied which will enable us to form some approximate idea as to the pecuniary sacrifice which has been made by the people of the United Kingdom during the last fifty years, for the purpose of strengthening the British position in the Greater Britain across the seas. I am aware that the data asked for will not supply us with all the material required to enable us to make a complete statement on this subject, but the impartial historian will be able to make his own independent research and supplement the information which it is in the power of the Treasury officials to supply. They can add to the cost shown by this Return what additional charges have been thrown upon the people of the United Kingdom by the wars in the early part of last century, and what proportion of that cost can be fairly debited to Canada, India, and other possessions of the Crown.

But I have a special reason in asking for this Return. I wish to be able to compare the present value of Rhodesia as an Imperial asset with that of the other African Protectorates under our control, and their respective costs to the British taxpayer. I claim that it is only fair to the British South Africa Company and to the memory of Cecil Rhodes that it should be placed on record that Rhodesia is honourably distinguished in this as well as in other respects, that it is the only part of the British Empire which has not cost the British taxpayer a sixpence beyond the salary of the Deputy-Commissioner, for whose office the people in Rhodesia think there is no necessity.

I desire a Return which will show that while Uganda, British Central Africa, Nigeria, and other protectorates and dependencies, with their comparatively small trade and population, are all costing the British taxpayer large annual grants-in-aid, which I do not for one moment grudge, Rhodesia alone is an asset which has been won for the Empire not by the enterprise of the British taxpayer, but simply through the action of Mr. Rhodes and the Chartered Company. It should further be remembered that it was only because the late Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury, refused to ask the House of Commons for the money that was required to enable the healthy plateau north of the Limpopo to be brought under the Union Jack, that the Chartered Company was formed at the request of the Imperial Government to do the work which the Imperial Government refused to do.

It is not too much to say that if it had not been for the action of Mr. Rhodes and the Chartered Company, the British position in South Africa would have been lost. That country, which is now admittedly the richest agricultural section in South Africa, and highly mineralised throughout, with a great future before it, would now be under the German or Dutch flag. The march of the Australians across Rhodesia to the relief of Mafeking could never have been undertaken, and the war against the Boers, with the high plateau behind the Transvaal under the German and Dutch flag, might still have been exhausting the resources of the Empire.

I desire this Return in order that I may have, and the people of England may have, the material which will enable us, at a time when the services of the Chartered Company are called in question, sometimes by interested and sometimes by ignorant people, to show what has been the cost to the British taxpayer of a country which has been able, owing to the foresight of Mr. Rhodes, the generosity of the Chartered Company, and the courage of its settlers, to contribute no mean service to the Empire. I desire, if I may do so, to add the words "protectorates and dependencies" after the word "colonies," in line 2, in order to make it quite clear that the Return will include the protectorates as well as the self-governing Colonies of the Crown. beg to move.

Moved, "That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty for a Return of the cost of the several Colonies, Protectorates, and Dependencies of the British Empire at the expense of the British Exchequer for each of the years from 1853 to 1903, in the same form, as nearly as may be, as the information supplied in the House of Commons Paper, No. 417, of Session 1881; and also their population, and the annual value of their trade with the United Kingdom, so far as it can be given, for the latest year for which the figures are available."—(*Earl Grey.*)

The Duke of MARLBOROUGH: My Lords, in reply to the noble Earl's Question, I am informed that the Return which he is anxious to have will be granted. I think he will realise that the Return will be made up by officials of a Department other than that which I have the honour to represent, so I cannot pledge myself that the words he wants inserted, "protectorates and dependencies," will be agreed to.

Earl GREY: I only want to make it clear that it covers Uganda and Rhodesia.

The Duke of MARLBOROUGH: I should say there would be no objection to that, but I will certainly promise the noble Earl the Return which is on the Paper, and I will take note of the words he wishes to add. I should think that in all probability the noble Earl's request will be willingly acceded to.

On Question, Motion agreed to; and ordered accordingly.

House adjourned at a quarter past Seven o'clock, till To-morrow, a quarter past Four o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, 11th August, 1904.

The House met at Two of the Clock.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]; Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

MESSAGE FROM THE LORDS.

That they have agreed to—Post Office Bill: Edinburgh and District Water Order

Confirmation Bill; Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation Bill; Perth Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; Carlisle Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Amendments to—Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill [Lords]; De Trafford Estate Bill [Lords]; Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords]; Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords]; Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

PETITIONS.

LICENSING BILL.

Petitions against; from Barry; Hafod; Hopkinstown; and Ynysybwl; to lie upon the Table.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOLS (IRELAND).

Return [presented 10th August] to be printed. [No. 340.]

LOCAL TAXATION (SCOTLAND).

Copy presented, of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland for the year 1902–3 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 341.]

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

Copy presented, of Report of the Commissioners for the period from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).

Copy presented, of Seventieth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, being for the year 1903 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

Copy presented, of Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ended 31st March, 1904, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers, Assistant Inspecting Officers, and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

NAVAL EXPENDITURE AND MERCANTILE MARINE (GREAT BRITAIN, ETC.).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 16th June; *Sir John Colomb*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 342.]

DIPLOMATIC REPORTS (COAL).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 6th July; *Mr. Fenwick*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 343.]

CONTINENTAL FREE PORTS.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 30th June; *Mr. Charles McArthur*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 344.]

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 3rd August; *Mr. Gerald Balfour*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 345.]

RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACTS, 1888 AND 1894.

Copy presented, of Eighth Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under Section 31 of The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, including Proceedings upon complaints made under Section 1 of The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1894 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 346.]

RAILWAY SERVANTS (HOURS OF LABOUR).

Copy presented, of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under The Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July, 1904 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 347.]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Copy presented, of Report by the Board of Trade on their Proceedings and Business under the Weights and Measures Acts [by Act]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 348.]

TRADE REPORTS (ANNUAL SERIES).

Copies presented, of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3252 to 3255 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

TRADE REPORTS (MISCELLANEOUS SERIES).

Copy presented, of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 618 [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

Inquiry into Charities (County of Wiltshire). Further Return relative thereto [ordered 9th August, 1901; *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*]; to be printed. [No. 349.]

Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham), Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough), Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough). Further Returns relative thereto [ordered 14th February, 1900, and 9th February, 1904; *Mr. Grant Lawson* and *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*]; to be printed. [No. 350.]

Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham), Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough), Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough). Further Returns relative thereto [ordered 14th February, 1900, and 9th February, 1904; *Mr. Grant Lawson* and *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*]; to be printed. [No. 351.]

Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster), Inquiry into Charities (County Borough of Oldham). Further Return and Return relative thereto [ordered 8th August, 1898, and 10th August, 1904; *Mr. Grant Lawson* and *Mr. Griffith Boscawen*]; to be printed. [No. 352.]

CYPRUS.

Return ordered, "of all sums paid in the years 1902–3 and 1903–4, respectively, out of the moneys arising from the Revenues of Cyprus, in discharge of the interest upon the Turkish loan guaranteed by this country and France in 1855; of all sums voted by Parliament during the same period in aid of the administration of Cyprus; and of the surplus remaining in each year over and above the payments made, with interest thereon (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 352, of Session 1903)."—(*Mr. Pierpoint.*)

GRADUATED INCOME-TAX.

Address for "Return showing which of the Colonies have established systems of graduated Income-Tax, or of Income-Tax levied at different rates on earned and on unearned Incomes, or both, with particulars in each case of the rates of Tax and the system of assessment and collection."—(*Mr. Herbert Samuel.*)

PETTY SESSIONS CLERKS (IRELAND) (SALARIES.)

Return ordered, "of Salaries of Petty Sessions Clerks in Ireland, in the following form:—

Name of County.	Name of Petty Sessions District or Amalgamated Districts.	Population of same as per Census of 1901.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1874.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1884.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1894.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1904.	Remarks.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	

—(*Mr. Ffrench.*)

ALCOHOL (EXEMPTION FROM DUTY).

Return ordered, "for the years 1902–3 and 1903–4, respectively, showing the applications for Exemption for (1) trade purposes, (2) scientific or educational purposes, in the following form:—

Year.	Applications for Trade purposes.			Applications for Scientific or Educational purposes.		
	Number received.	Number granted.	Quantity of spirits on which exemption was granted.	Number received.	Number granted.	Quantity of spirits on which exemption was granted.
1902–3 -						
1903–4 -						

—(*Mr. Louis Sinclair.*)

GENERAL LIGHTHOUSE AUTHORITIES, ETC.

Return ordered, "(1) of the names, ages, occupations, and dates of appointment of the present Members of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and of the Commissioners of Irish Lights; and the mode in which, or persons by whom, they were respectively appointed, and the duration of their office, distinguishing (in the case of the Elder Brethren) those who have been in command of vessels in the Royal Navy or Merchant Service and the dates when they retired from those services, and those who are in active service on board Trinity House vessels; (2) of the amount of remuneration, if any, received by each Member of the three Boards during the last financial year, whether in the form of salary, allowances, or fees; (3) of the names, stations, salaries, and dates of appointment of the principal Officers of the three Boards; (4) of the total Income of each Board, specifying the sources; (5) of the Expenses of each Board, with the percentage which these bear to Income." — (*Mr. Charles McArthur.*)

EDUCATION (IRELAND) (COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS).

Return ordered, "showing (1) number of Orders made by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, between the 1st day of April, 1900, and the 1st day of April, 1904, cancelling the Salaries of Assistant Teachers in National Schools owing to the average attendance being under sixty; (2) and number of such appointments that would not have been cancelled if the average attendance for an Assistant were recognised at fifty instead of sixty; (3) also, up to what date and for what period previously was an average attendance of fifty accepted by the Commissioners as sufficient to qualify a School for the services of an Assistant." —(*Mr. Boland.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CIRCULATED WITH THE VOTES.

Flogging in the Navy.

MR. SWIFT MACNEILL (Donegal, S.): To ask the Secretary to the Admiralty whether H.M.S. "Calliope" is now cruising round the Irish coast for the purpose of naval enlistments; whether the provisions in the King's Naval Regulations authorising the infliction, for trivial offences, of scourgings of twenty-four strokes with birches nine oz. in weight, and of twelve strokes with canes for trivial offences, will be explained to boys and youths in Ireland before they enlist in the Royal Navy, and whether intending candidates in Ireland for enlistment in the Royal Navy will have an opportunity of seeing the cat-o'-nine-tails, birches, and canes supplied to every ship of war and training ship by the Dockyards in accordance with the regulation patterns kept in these establishments; and what steps, if any, will the naval authorities take to secure that not merely intending candidates in Ireland for enlistment in the Navy but their parents and guardians may be apprised of the flogging *régime* to which boys and youths in the Navy are subjected.

(*Answered by Mr. Pretyman.*) The "Calliope" is at present on the coast of Ireland carrying out her second summer cruise. With reference to the rest of his Question, I must refer the hon. Member to replies I have already given to former Questions on the same subject.

Expenditure on Piers and Harbours in Ireland.

MR. JAMES O'CONNOR (Wicklow, W.: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he can state how much public money has been expended on piers and harbours in Ireland, other than piers and harbours in congested districts, since January, 1900; from what sources the money was supplied; and whether the sums were loans from the Board of Works or grants from the Treasury.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Expenditure in period from 1st January, 1900, to 31st July, 1904.

	£
1. Grants from Sea Fisheries Fund - - - -	14,351†
2. Expenditure at Liscannor under Marine Works Act, 1902 - - - -	97
3. Expenditure on Royal Harbours (Vote for Public Works) - - - - -	50,038
4. Grants made by Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction - - -	462
Total Grants -	£64,998
5. Loans (from Local Loans Fund) - - - -	27,060
Grand Total -	£92,058

Coleraine Urban Council—Prosecution of Patrick Clarke.

MR. MACVEAGH (Down, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he is aware that at the hearing of the case brought at the suit of the Coleraine Urban Council *v.* Patrick Clarke, Prolisk at Coleraine Petty Sessions, held on the 12th March, 1904, Mr. Gribbon, J.P., chairman of the urban council, and Mr. Baxter, J.P., member of the council, adjudicated as magistrates, both being present at the meeting of the urban council when the prosecution was directed; that Clarke was convicted and the conviction quashed in the superior Courts; and that Messrs. Gribbon and Baxter on several occasions have adjudicated on cases at petty sessions instituted at the suit of the council of which they are members, although objected to by solicitors for the defence; and, if so, will the attention of the Lord Chancellor be directed to this matter.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The conviction in this case was quashed on several grounds, one of which was that Messrs. Gribbon and Baxter had been members of a body which directed the prosecution, in the hearing and adjudication of which they took part. These justices appear to have presided in ignorance of the technical rules of law applicable to such matters and not from any improper motives. That this was the opinion of the superior Court was evident from the fact that Clarke was directed to pay their costs to the extent of £3 3s. They have not acted on several occasions in similar cases at petty sessions, although objected to. The matter is not one for reference to the Lord Chancellor.

Ridley Estate, County West-meath.

MR. HAYDEN (Roscommon, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he is aware that certain tenants on the Ridley Estate, county Westmeath, have been served with writs because they would not agree to the landlord's terms of purchase; and if he will take steps to ensure an inspection by the Estates Commissioners of any holdings agreed to be purchased under such conditions.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Only one tenant has been served with a writ, the reason being that he withheld payment of his rent. He has since paid. Should the estate come before the

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† Including a sum of £1,030, being a proportionate amount of a total of £1,625 expended on the Engineering Staff out of this Fund.

Commissioners, they will be guided in any action they may take by the provisions of the law.

Compassionate Allowance for Widow of Rural Postman Bartholomew Somers, of Dromohair.

MR. P. A. McHUGH (Leitrim, N.): To ask the Postmaster-General whether he is aware that Bartholomew Somers, who died at Dromohair, country Leitrim, on 17th March last, had been rural postman for thirty years; will he say whether Somers would have been entitled to a retiring allowance at the time of his death had he applied for it; and whether, in view of this man's character during his period of service and the circumstances of his widow and family, he will consider the advisability of making a compassionate allowance to them.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) I am aware that Somers was employed for nearly thirty years; but he had held an established appointment for little more than three years. Only his established service was of a character that could have been taken into account for superannuation purposes. During his previous service his duties did not require his whole time, and such service is not pensionable. In these circumstances Somers would not have been eligible for a pension if, before his death, he had been certified to be unfit for further service. At the most, a gratuity calculated on the short period of his established service could have been obtained for him. I regret that, as the Superannuation Acts made no provision for the widows and families of deceased Civil servants, it is not in my power to obtain a compassionate allowance for Somers' widow and family.

Postal Employees—Compensation for Loss of Clothing.

CAPTAIN NORTON (Newington, W.): To ask the Postmaster-General, whether, seeing that private employers are compelled to safeguard the clothing of those they employ, which is left on the premises of the employers while the employees are at work, and to pay compensation in case of loss, he will arrange for similar treatment as regards postal employees.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) Reasonable precautions are taken to safeguard the clothing of Post Office servants in their offices, and I regret that I cannot see my way to lay down any general rule for granting compensation in such cases. Special cases will be dealt with on their merits, as heretofore; but any decision to allow such claims in general would be open to obvious objections.

Hours Worked by Dressmakers.

MR. TALBOT (Oxford University): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his attention has been called to a statement in the report of the principal lady inspector of factories (p. 237 of Annual Report for 1903) in which the magistrate is said to have described the case of a defendant charged with employing dressmakers for twenty-four consecutive hours, with under two hours' break for meals, as the very worst case he had ever had before him, and to have stated that he had never heard anything like it since the Factory Act had been in operation; and, if so, will he say what penalty was inflicted for this offence, and whether any security has been taken against the possibility of its recurrence.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) I am aware of the case referred to in the Question. The penalties imposed by the magistrate amounted to £17 and the costs to £1 12s.—eight informations being laid by the inspector. There is no power under the Act to take security from the occupier against a repetition of the offence, but the workshop will be kept under observation, and I hope that the censure of the magistrate, together with the heavy penalty imposed, will act as a deterrent.

Report of the Chester Jones Commission.

MR. NANNETTI (Dublin, College Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Chester-Jones Commission Report of the inquiry as to Draft Regulations affecting Docks, Wharves, and Quays will be issued; and when the suggested rules are likely to come into operation.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) I understand that Mr. Chester

Jones will present his Report on this inquiry to me very shortly. When I receive it, I shall take it into consideration at once, and proceed to the final making of the regulations with all due speed.

Reply to Memorials of Assistant Clerks.

MR. ERNEST GRAY (West Ham, N.): To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, whether he can now state when a reply will be given to the memorials dated December, 1903, and January, 1904, from the assistant clerks (new class).

(*Answered by Mr. Victor Cavendish.*) The matter is still under consideration; but I hope that a decision will be arrived at very shortly.

Reports at the Royal Courts of Justice.

MR. MARSHALL HALL (Lancashire, Southport): To ask the Secretary to the Treasury if he can arrange that the copies of the Law Reports provided for the public service at the Royal Courts of Justice shall be periodically noted up, so as to bring them up to date.

(*Answered by Mr. Victor Canvendish.*) I will inquire into the matter and communicate with the hon. Member.

Encouragement of Swimming and Life-Saving.

MR. GRENFELL (Buckinghamshire, Wycombe): To ask the Secretary to the Board of Education whether he is aware that more than 3,000 lives are lost on an average annually in England and Wales by drowning; and whether he will, when considering the new regulations for evening schools, technical institutions, and science and art classes, make some provision for encouraging instruction in swimming and life-saving.

(*Answered by Sir William Anson.*) In administering their regulations for evening schools, the Board recognise these subjects, and grants are payable for courses of instruction which comprise treatment of persons apparently drowned. The importance of the matter will not be overlooked.

Area of Spheres of the Gendarmerie Officers of the Five Powers in Macedonia.

MR. MOON (St. Pancras, N.): To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he will specify the areas in the three vilayets commonly called Macedonia, which have been respectively allocated as the spheres of the *gendarmerie* officers of the five Powers, and approximately the superficial extent and population of each of the five areas.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) The areas in the three vilayets have been assigned as the spheres of the *gendarmerie* officers of the five Powers, in the following manner:—

1. Great Britain:

   Sandjak of Drama (all the cazas);
   Population about 52,000;
   Area about 1,080 square miles.

2. France:

   Sandjak of Serres (all the cazas);
   Population about 330,000;
   Area about 4,920 square miles.

3. Russia:

   Sandjak of Salonica (all the cazas);
   Population about 272,000;
   Area about 7,300 square miles.

4. Italy:

   Sandjak of Monastir (all the cazas except Ochrida) and the caza of Kastoria, in the sandjak of Koritza;

   Population about 200,000;

   Area about 3,780 square miles.

5. Austria:

   Sandjak of Uscub (all the cazas);
   Population about 500,000;
   Area about 4,150 square miles.

Papers on Macedonia

MR. MOON: To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the reports recently received by the Foreign Office from the Austro-Hungarian Embassy of the progress made by the Civil Agents in Macedonia can be laid on the Table of the House; and whether it is proposed to lay any further Papers relating to Macedonia before the prorogation of Parliament.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) Papers relating to Macedonia will be laid as soon as possible. They will include information furnished by the Austro-Hungarian

Government as to the progress made by the Civil Agents.

Housing of Orphans and Destitute Poor in Egypt Publication of Lord Cromer's Report.

MR. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty): To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if Lord Cromer's Report in regard to the housing of orphan children and destitute poor in Egypt will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) The whole of the information received from Lord Cromer has already been communicated in substance to the hon. Member. In these circumstances it is not proposed to lay any Paper on this subject.

The Anglo-French Agreement.

MR. WEIR: To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether there are any secret clauses attached to the Anglo-French Agreement which have reference to Egypt.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) Speculation and conjecture as to the existence or non-existence of secret clauses in international treaties is a public privilege, the maintenance of which depends upon official reticence.

Protection of Ancient Walls at Berwick-on-Tweed.

MR. BRYCE (Aberdeen, S.): To ask the hon. Member for Chorley, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, whether any progress has yet been made for the protection of the ancient walls of Berwick-on-Tweed, dating from the time of King Edward the First; and whether he can assure the House that all steps which His Majesty's Government can take will be taken to secure this interesting historical monument from further injury.

(*Answered by Lord Balcarres.*) The First Commissioner has not yet learnt the result of the negotiations with the town council; but he has no reason to doubt that they will be brought to a successful conclusion. He will take what steps he can for the protection of the monument.

Co-operative Societies and Income-Tax.

MR. FIELD (Dublin, St. Patrick): To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention has been directed to the complaint of traders respecting the exemption of the Army and Navy and Civil Service Stores and co-operative societies from the payment of income-tax on profits; whether he can state upon what grounds those trading associations are exempted; and whether he will consider the advisability of placing co-operative business societies upon the same basis as others in similar trades.

(*Answered by Mr. Austen Chamberlain.*) There is no exemption from income-tax granted, as is popularly supposed, to co-operative societies or their members. In only one respect does their position with regard to the tax differ from that of the ordinary society or company. The ordinary society or company deducts income-tax from the member's or shareholder's dividend before it is paid over to him, leaving it to him either to bear the tax or to reclaim the amount deducted from the Inland Revenue authorities, if his income falls within the limit of exemption. In the case of co-operative societies, most of the members are working men whose incomes fall within the limit. Accordingly, to deduct income-tax in their case from the dividend before paying it over would involve nearly all the members claiming repayment. Nothing would be gained to the Revenue, and infinite annoyance and trouble would be given both to those who had to make the claims and to the Revenue officials in dealing with the enormous number of claims so made. It is therefore provided that, if certain conditions are satisfied, income-tax need not be deducted from the profits of co-operative societies before their distribution as dividends to individual members. No exemption, however, is given, as every individual member, whose income is above the exemption line, is liable to the tax on his share of those profits when received by him. The Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Limited, and Civil Service Co-operative Society, Limited, to which the hon. Member refers, do not fulfil the necessary conditions, and are, therefore, directly assessed to the income-tax.

Kilrushaghter School—Grant for Agricultural Instruction.

MR. P. A. MCHUGH: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that the Kilrushaghter School, county Sligo, was, previous to 1893, recognised as an agricultural school for upwards of twenty-five years; that the conditions on which it was sanctioned for continuance, in September, 1899, differed from those which existed in September, 1893; that the Commissioners of National Education gave instructions, on the 23rd September, 1893, to their agricultural superintendent to visit the farm; if so, will he state on what date were these instructions carried out; on what dates did the superintendent visit the farm, subsequent to these instuctions; and whether, in view of the loss the teacher sustains through this neglect on the part of the agricultural superintendent, the Commissioners will reconsider the inclusion, in accordance with Rule 200, of the sum of £13 14s. 6d. in his consolidated salary, which he earned as agricultural fees and gratuities prior to the 31st March, 1900.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) This school was not recognised as an agricultural school. The farm held by the teacher, Mr. Melville, was recognised, prior to 1893, as a school farm, in connection with which special fees were paid to the teacher by the Commissioners for the instruction of the pupils in practical agriculture. The farm, being the property of the teacher, ceased to be a school farm on the retirement of Mr. Melville from the position of principal of the school. From the 1st April, 1885, it was a requirement that a teacher appointed to conduct a national school with a farm attached must possess a certificate of attendance at a course of agricultural instruction at the Albert Istitution, Glasnevin, or a certificate of competency from some other authority satisfactory to the Commissioners, as a condition of payment of the special agricultural fees. Mr. Healy was appointed principal on 1st September, 1893. On the 3rd September the manager of the school applied for the recognition as a school farm of certain land held by Mr. Healy, on condition, *inter alia*, that the teacher gave a guarantee to attend one of the courses of training at the Albert Institution. Mr. Healy was summoned to the course of instruction held in September, 1894. He did not attend, nor did he attend any subsequent course of instruction in agriculture. On 20th September, 1893, the manager's application for the official registration of Mr. Healy's farm as a school farm was referred for report to the agricultural superintendent, who took the opportunity of viewing the farm when visiting the neighbouring schools of Doonflynn and Ballacutranta for the purpose of annual inspection. The definite consideration of the case was necessarily postponed pending Mr. Healy's attendance at the prescribed course of instruction at the Albert Institution. The Commissioners do not admit liability in the matter of Mr. Healy's claim. He received no payment "as agricultural fees and gratuities prior to the 31st March, 1900." To his failure to attend a course of agricultural instruction must be attributed the delay in the settlement of the case. The attendance was an obligation on his part of which he was fully aware; aud although it may have been inconvenient for him to have attended in September, 1894, no reason has been adduced for his non-attendance at any subsequent session of instruction.

Lapsed Licence of Mrs. Keating of Donaghmore.

MR. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether a memorial has been received by His Excellency from Mrs. Cathern Keating, Donaghmore, Queen's County, to the effect that, having got a transfer of publican's licence last April from the name of her husband, Michael Keating, deceased, and neglecting to serve the required twenty-one days notice for the June quarter sessions, the licence has lapsed; and whether, as the memorial was signed by the local magistrates, and as Mrs. Keating has no other livelihood, favourable consideration will be given to the prayer thereof.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Th memorial has been received and will be considered.

Delay in Sale of Nixon Property, County Fermanagh.

MR. JORDAN (Fermanagh, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can explain the delay in the sale of the Nixon property, in the county of Fermanagh, consisting of the townlands of Leam, Mare, and Tonyloam (barony of Clenawly) and Carrickaheana and Kilmalanopy (barony of Tukemedy), the order for which was made in November, 1903; and will the Estates Commissioners take steps towards expediting the sale.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Application for the sale of this property was lodged with the Commissioners on the 12th July, and will be dealt with in due course.

Alleged Poaching by Police on the Clements' Property, County Galway.

MR. SLOAN (Belfast, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that a short time ago Mr. A. Crawford, estate steward on the Clements' property, near Maam, county Galway, reported to the district inspector that three policemen were found poaching on this estate; did the district inspector make any report on the matter; and, if so, will he state what action has been taken against the offenders.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Mr. Crawford informed the district inspector that he saw a sergeant and two constables on the property, that one of the latter was carrying a gun and was in pursuit of game. The district inspector investigated the matter, and found that the police were on revenue duty on the date in question, and that none of them had a gun on the occasion.

Nuns Appointed as Nurses at Newry Workhouse.

MR. SLOAN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that at the meeting of the Newry Board of Guardians, three nuns from the convent in Wexford were appointed as nurses to Newry Workhouse; if he can say where these nurses were trained, and what is their qualification; and why these appointments were given to members of a religious order.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Three nuns, who were employed in the workhouse infirmary, have recently resigned, and the guardians have elected three other nuns in their places. The latter have had several years experience as nurses in union infirmaries, including that at Wexford. Protestant patients at Newry are in charge of a Protestant nurse.

Retiring Allowances of Professors of Queen's Colleges and of Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin.

MR. SWIFT MACNEILL To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that the incomes of the professors in the Queen's Colleges, who, being equally distinguished in literature and science and doing the same work as the Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, are paid by the State, on the average, less than half the incomes of those Fellows; and that these gentlemen never receive more on retirement than two-thirds of their existing salaries, while Trinity College pays to this class of its superannuated teachers a minimum salary of £1,400, amounting in all to between one-third and one-fourth of its total revenue; and why are the incomes of the Queen's College professors, who are in the service of the British Government, less than the incomes paid to its Fellows by Trinity College, Dublin, which finds itself in want of funds to provide the equipment necessary for modern requirements.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The retiring allowances payable to professors in Queen's Colleges are regulated by statute. I have no information as to the incomes and retiring allowances of Fellows of Trinity College.

Royal Irish Constabulary—Special Crimes Sergeant.

MR. SLOAN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he can state what is the longest period for a sergeant of the Royal Irish Constabulary to act in the capacity of special crimes sergeant, and receive the special allowance attached to that position; and how many are holding the position longer than the specified number of years.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) There is no fixed period of employment, which is regulated by a consideration of the fitness of any particular sergeant to discharge work of this special character.

Musketry Regulations—Teleramic Target.

COLONEL McCALMONT (Antrim, E.): To ask the Secretary of State for War whether the War Office will consider the advisability of introducing the Teleramic target into the Musketry Regulations, as it has already been adopted in His Majesty's service.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) The Musketry Regulations are now under revision, and the subject of Teleramic targets will be fully considered in connection therewith. I must point out that these targets have not been officially adopted for supply by the War Office.

Epizootic Lymphangitis amongst Army Horses.

MR. HAYES FISHER (Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for War what steps he has taken to prevent civilian horses, requisitioned for manœuvres, coming into contact with occult cases of epizootic lymphangitis, as the continued existence of the disease is causing anxiety to civilian horse owners; also what steps he has taken to prevent occult cases of the disease being transferred from one station to another, and of coming into contact with horses in other regiments free of disease during manœuvres; and if he has now decided to slaughter all horses still suffering from the disease, especially as such a small percentage of attacked horses recovered, while such a large percentage have been slaughtered.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) As regards the first part of the Question, no horses liable to be affected will be taken on manœuvres; therefore the possibility of conveying the disease to civilian horses is remote, especially as steps will be taken to keep the latter away from contact with military horses. As regards the second part of the Question, careful veterinary inspection is made of all horses removing or being received at either station within six months of cases occurring. As regards the third part of the Question, the majority of horses suffering from the disease are slaughtered, but it is not considered necessary to destroy those cases which show probability of recovery, and for which facilities of complete isolation and treatment exist.

The New Army Scheme.

SIR HOWARD VINCENT (Sheffield, Central): To ask the Secretary of State for War if, having regard to the effect of his proposals to divide the Regular Army into two by the creation of a home-service force and a foreign-service force, by the reduction of Colonial regiments and of their establishments, by the absorption of the Militia, and of a reduction in the Volunteers, and to the fact that no evidence has been adduced that they are recommended by the military members of the Army Council on their professional responsibility, he will consent to postpone taking any steps to put them into effect until Parliament has had further opportunity of considering them.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) Steps will be taken by the Army Council to carry out the policy of the Government with regard to the Army. These steps will be taken gradually after full consideration in each case.

THE CORK VACANCY.

MR. TULLY (Leitrim, S.) said he wished to move that a writ should be issued to fill the vacancy in the representation of the City of Cork, caused by the resignation of Mr. William O'Brien. He might explain that, in consequence of a correspondence which had appeared in the Press, he had determined to take this action. The representation of the constituency had been vacant for nearly a year. Mr. William O'Brien had stated in a letter that he would not allow himself to be condemned until the public had had the facts put before them. But it was not right that the seat should remain vacant, and he had therefore given notice to the three Whips of the Nationalist Party that unless they moved for the issue of the writ on Wednesday he would move for it the following day. He noticed that yesterday at Dublin——

*Mr. SPEAKER: These matters cannot be gone into in moving for a new writ, I understand that the hon. Member bases his action on the fact that the seat is vacant and the constituency unrepresented.

Mr. TULLY: Very well then, Mr. Speaker, I move that you do issue the writ.

Mr. BLAKE (Longford, S.) said he wished to have the ruling of Mr. Speaker on a question of order. The vacancy had existed for a very considerable time, and a period of the session had been reached when it would be impossible for an election to take place and a Member to be returned early enough to take his seat before Parliament prorogued. He therefore asked whether a question of privilege did not arise—a question of privilege connected with the question of recency and urgency and with the inability of a new Member, if returned, to take his seat till Parliament next met. There was also a question as to the practice usually observed, which was, so far as his experience went, that, if it was desired that a writ should be moved for, notice should be given to the Whips of the Party in connection with which the vacancy occurred. In this case the hon. Member for South Leitrim had given notice, but it was addressed to the three Whips who were absent in Dublin on political duties, and one, who was in London did not receive it. The question was, had reasonable and sufficient notice been given to the representatives of the Party to which the late holder of the seat belonged.

Mr. TULLY: I was not aware of their absence.

*Mr. SPEAKER: On the question of order, I do not think there is any reason why I should not put this Question. The fact that the election could not come off in time to enable the newly-elected Member to take his seat in the present session is not a bar to the Motion.

Mr. TULLY: And the seat has been long vacant. As a matter of personal explanation, may I say——

*Mr. SPEAKER: On the question of order I am with the hon. Member.

Mr. TULLY: Certain charges have been made against me. I have the greatest personal respect for the hon. and learned Member, but I wish to point out that Mr. W. O'Brien is now practically in the same position as I am. He has been condemned by them and——

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order! These personal matters need not be gone into. Of course, the writ may be moved for by any Member. It is customary, however, to give notice to the Whips of the Party to which the former Member belonged, and though the hon. Member gave such notice in this case there appears to be some doubt whether it was a sufficient notice. I should therefore recommend the hon. Member to postpone his Motion. I think that the House would hardly approve of it being gone on with now.

Mr. TULLY: I am prepared to postpone it until to-morrow or Monday.

*Mr. SPEAKER: To-morrow then.

Mr. HAVILAND BURKE (King's County, Tullamore): I am one of the Whips of the Party.

Mr. TULLY: I do not recognise you.

*Mr. SPEAKER: These are controversies which had better not be raised now.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

Wages Disputes in Government Departments.

Mr. HERBERT SAMUEL (Yorkshire, Cleveland): I beg to ask the First Lord of the Treasury whether he will consider the advisability of establishing a Standing Commission or Board, to which might be referred questions of wages and other matters which may be in dispute between any Government Department and the workpeople in its employ.

The PRIME MINISTER and FIRST LORD of the TREASURY (Mr. A. J. Balfour, Manchester, E.): The subject is one which has caused great anxiety to this Government and its predecessors, and is likely to cause anxiety to its successors. We cannot discuss it by Question and Answer across the floor, but I admit that the question is a very important one.

Army Sanitary Re-organisation Scheme.

SIR GILBERT PARKER (Gravesend): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for War whether a scheme of sanitary re-organisation has yet been prepared for the Army, or proposed by the Medical Advisory Board, if so, whether there is included in it the sterilisation of all fluids employed as drinks at manœuvres, on service abroad, and during active service, and by what means this sterilisation is to be secured; whether steps have been taken to secure the instruction, practical training, and examination of non-medical officers of all ranks, in their respective units or commands, in methods of camp sanitation, especially with a view to the prevention of enteric fever, dysentery, and cholera; and whether, after such training and examination, the comparative responsibility of such non-medical officers for the occurrence of these diseases in their respective commands or units is to be recognised.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE WAR OFFICE (Mr. BROMLEY DAVENPORT, Cheshire, Macclesfield): The Medical Advisory Board recommend the appointment of specialist sanitary officers to Army Corps and commands; and there are eleven of these appointments at home and eight in Egypt and the Colonies, in addition to the five already existing in India. Instructions regarding the sterilisation of all fluids employed as drinks, which are applicable to manœuvres, service abroad, and active service, have been included in the "Manual of Combined Training." Heat, and, in some instances, filtration, are the means recommended. Lectures are regularly given to the cadets at Sandhurst and Woolwich, and a more advanced course in military hygiene is provided for officers at the Staff College. Instructions in hygienic matters are also given by the specialist sanitary officers. The regulations are also being revised in the direction of devolving more responsibility upon non-medical officers in the supervision of sanitary services in barracks and camps.

Rhodesia and the Chartered Company.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): I beg to ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he is aware that representations were made on behalf of the inhabitants of Rhodesia to Lord Milner, to the effect that the country can make no progress while the Chartered Company retains either commercial or administrative control; and that, on the advice of Lord Milner, a delegation representing the inhabitants is now in London; and, if so, will he say whether His Majesty's Government are acquainted with the negotiations which have taken place between the Chartered Company and the delegates; whether the Chartered Company have asked the delegates to pledge the future credit and resources of Rhodesia; and, if so, whether he will undertake that any arrangements between the parties shall be subject to the acquiescence or consent either of His Majesty's Government or of His Majesty's Government and Parliament.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES (Mr. LYTTELTON, Warwick and Leamington): The right hon. Baronet's information is not entirely accurate. At a conference of delegates from all parts of Southern Rhodesia, a resolution was passed to the effect that the country "can make no true progress so long as the British South Africa Company, as an administrative or commercial body, has any control or power in the direction of public affairs." At the same conference a deputation was elected for the purpose of "discussing and arranging a basis of a general settlement with the British South Africa Company." The deputation forwarded the resolutions of the conference to Lord Milner, and requested an interview. Lord Milner replied that he did not think that any advice he could give them would compensate for the expense and trouble of coming to see him, and suggested that it was for the colonists and the company to discuss the situation in the first instance. The deputation is now in this country. Some private information of an unofficial character has just reached me as to the negotiations which are taking place between the deputation and the company. Any arrangement involving a change in the charter or in the constitution of Southern Rhodesia, or in its financial *status*, would be subject to the approval of His Majesty's Government.

SIR CHARLES DILKE: Will the right hon. Gentleman say wherein my Question is inaccurate?

MR. LYTTELTON: said as to the advice of Lord Milner that the delegation should proceed to London.

MR. BRYCE (Aberdeen, S.): The right hon. Gentleman said that the arrangement would be subject to the approval of His Majesty's Government. Ought it not to be subject to the approval of this House?

[No Answer was returned.]

French Congo—British Merchants' Claims.

MR. CHARLES McARTHUR (Liverpool, Exchange): I beg to ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he can approximately state the time when he expects to be in a position to make an announcement with respect to the negotiations with the French Government for the settlement of the claims of British merchants in French Congo, and for the interpretation of the Free Trade Clauses of the Berlin Act.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Earl PERCY, Kensington, S.): As regards the general question, His Majesty's Government understand the position of the French Government to be that they are ready to submit it to arbitration, but that they have not yet decided upon the terms of reference. As regards the claims of the British firms, it was not until last May that the direct negotiations between the British and French merchants were finally abandoned, and the French Government have not yet communicated the results of the investigation which has been made into the subject by the authorities at the Colonial Office. They have, however, expressed a great desire to discover some means of effecting a reasonable arrangement with the British firms concerned.

MR. AUSTIN TAYLOR (Liverpool, E. Toxteth): Were not these claims considered during the negotiations which ended in the Anglo-French Convention?

EARL PERCY: No, Sir

Export of British Herrings to Archangel.

MR. MACONOCHIE (Aberdeenshire, E.): I beg to ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he is now in a position to reply regarding the importation of British herrings into Archangel.

EARL PERCY: The Vice-Consul at Archangel reports that no Scotch herrings have yet been imported there. It is laid down in the Russian tariff that fresh fish of all kinds, even if unaccompanied by certificates proving their Russian origin, as well as fresh, salted, dried, and air-dried fish of all kinds imported in Russian vessels at ports in the Government of Archangel by inhabitants of that district are free of duty. It has been ascertained from His Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg that these regulations for the duty-free import of herrings at Archangel apply to all countries.

Patent Still Spirit.

MR. KILBRIDE (Kildare, S.): I beg to ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he can state the number of gallons of patent still spirit imported into the United Kingdom in the years 1901, 1902, and 1903 respectively; and how much of this spirit entered bonded warehouses.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Worcestershire, E.): I find that no distinction is made in the records of imports between spirits produced from patent stills and those produced from pot stills, and I am therefore unable to furnish the information desired.

MR. FLYNN (Cork County, N.): Is there such a thing as spirit distilled in pot stills?

Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN: I am unable to say. I am prepared to accept the hon. Member's statement in view of his knowledge of the trade.

Alleged Poison in Patent Spirit.

Mr. KILBRIDE: I beg to ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention has been called to the results to public health of the use of sulphuric acid in the manufacture of glucose, afterwards resulting in beer poisoning; and as sulphuric acid is used in the manufacture of patent spirit from molasses, will steps be taken by the Excise authorities or the Local Government Board to prevent this product being sold to the public as genuine whisky.

Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN: My attention and that of my advisers has for a long time been directed to this matter. A Royal Commission was appointed in 1901 "to inquire into arsenical poisoning from the consumption of beer and other articles of food and drink" and issued its final Report last November. The President of the Local Government Board and myself are considering whether in the public interest any further legal powers should be given to the Departments concerned. The Board of Inland Revenue have not under the present law any control over the sale of patent spirits made from molasses which has been inverted by the use of sulphuric acid; and I do not anticipate that it will be necessary to give them any such power. There is no evidence that arsenic or other similar poison has been found in patent spirit, and I am advised that even if such poison existed in any material, such as molasses or malt, before distillation, it would not be found in the distilled spirit.

Promotion in the Liverpool Post Office.

Mr. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD (Liverpool, West Derby): I beg to ask the Postmaster-General whether he is aware that in the month of October, 1903, Mr. Rowland Jones was promoted to a clerkship in the Liverpool head office over thirty-two then senior to him in the same class, including Mr. T. Rogers and Mr. Lascelles; that on the 14th May, 1904, Mr. T. Rogers was similarly promoted over the thirteen then senior to him in the same class; that, in the month of June, 1904, Mr. Lascelles was also promoted over the heads of twenty-seven senior to him; and, if so, will he explain why Rogers and Lascelles were passed over in October, 1903, and were subsequently promoted; and whether, seeing that many of the men passed over on each of these three occasions have for some time been actually performing the duties of the class from which they have been excluded, he will make inquiries into the system of promotion adopted in this office.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord Stanley, Lancashire, Westhoughton): I am considering the papers in this case. I will endeavour to answer the Question before the close of the session, but, if not, I will send my hon. friend a written Answer.

Hereditary Imbecility among Paupers.

Mr. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD: I beg to ask the President of the Local Government Board whether his attention has been called to the system of preparation of accounts and returns of Poor Law Administration, which makes it impossible to obtain statistics of the number of children born of weak-minded, imbecile, or insane mothers in the workhouses and other institutions subject to the supervision of the Department; and whether, having regard to the importance of the subject of heredity, he will undertake that instructions shall be given to make such alterations in the system that in future information to this effect will be available.

The PRESIDENT of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD (Mr. Walter Long, Bristol, S.): I am afraid that there are practical difficulties in this matter. Thus there is the question what persons are to be deemed "weak-minded" or "imbecile," and different views on this subject would probably be taken by the officers of different institutions. I will, however, consider whether anything can be done to attain the object which my hon. friend has in view.

Tuberculosis—Compensation to Meat Traders.

Mr. ERNEST GRAY (West Ham, N.): I beg to ask the President of the Local

Government Board whether he has yet considered the Report of the Select Committee in favour of partial compensation to meat traders who sustain loss when carcases purchased in good faith are subsequently found to be in a tuberculous condition, and are then distroyed in the interests of public health; and whether he would advise His Majesty's Government to introduce legislation in the next session of Parliament giving effect to the Report of this Committee.

The following Questions also appeared on the Paper:—

MR. ERNEST GRAY: To ask the President of the Local Government Board whether his attention has been drawn to the evidence given before the Select Committee on the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill with regard to the injury inflicted on the home trade in both live and dead pigs, owing to the diversity of practice with regard to condemnation in cases of localised tuberculosis; and whether he will consider the desirability of issuing some regulations which shall protect the home trade against the competition which ensues when foreign-bred pigs are imported with the evidence of localised tuberculosis removed.

MR. ERNEST GRAY: To ask the President of the Local Government Board whether his attention has been drawn to the Report of the Select Committee on the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill, and, in particular to the injury inflicted on meat traders by the want of uniformity of practice in seizing and condemning carcases affected with tuberculosis, and also to the damage inflicted on such traders by conducting publicly the proceedings associated with condemnation in cases where no evil intent is alleged; and whether he will issue a circular to local authorities impressing upon them the necessity for adopting a uniform practice with regard to condemnation and of conducting the proceedings associated with condemnation privately in all cases where no suggestion of criminality arises.

MR. WALTER LONG: My hon. friend has three Questions on the Paper with reference to the Report of the Select Committee on the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill, and perhaps he will allow me to answer them together. I have given attention to the Report, but the evidence taken by the Committee has not yet been published, and, in the absence of it, I have not felt myself able to come to a conclusion as to the course which I should adopt as regards the recommendations of the Committee, and any legislation which might be necessary to give effect to them. As regards the compensation recommended, I may point out that the matter concerns my right hon. friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer as well as myself, as it is proposed that the sum to be paid should be provided by the Imperial Exchequer. As regards the other matters to which my hon. friend refers I shall carefully consider them when the evidence appears, and if it seems to me that circulars to the local authorities pressing upon them uniformity of practice would be likely to be useful, I shall be glad to issue them.

Welsh National Council of Education.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL PRYCE-JONES (Montgomery Boroughs): I beg to ask the Secretary to the Board of Education whether the Board of Education have sanctioned a proposal for a separate National Council of Education for Wales.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Sir WILLIAM ANSON, Oxford University): I have nothing to add to the Answer I gave to the hon. Member for Denbigh Boroughs on May 5th.† The draft scheme has not yet been adopted by, I believe, any of the county councils concerned, and has not been submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

Education Statistics—Demands of Local Authorities.

MR. ERNEST GRAY: I beg to ask the Secretary to the Board of Education, whether his attention has been called to the number of reports and returns, often of a complicated character, which local education authorities are now requiring from managers and teachers; and, if so, whether he will remind those authorities of the loss which the children sustain when teachers are withdrawn from the duty for which they have been trained in order to prepare such returns.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxiv., 539.

Sir WILLIAM ANSON: Doubtless in the early stages of the administration of a new Act the local education authorities are anxious to obtain a large amount of information for their guidance. I have every hope that their requirements will rapidly decrease, and that in a normal state of things this difficulty will not be felt. It must be obvious to local authorities that the time of the teaching staff cannot be so occupied without some detriment to the work of the school. To remind them of the fact, I think, would be superfluous.

Hyde Park Corner Arches—Bas-Reliefs.

Mr. PIERPOINT (Warrington): I beg to ask the hon. Member for Chorley, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, whether his attention has been drawn to the decaying condition of the bas-reliefs on the arches at the entrance of the Park at Hyde Park Corner; and whether he will give instructions for their restoration.

Lord BALCARRES (Lancashire, Chorley): The First Commissioner has had these bas-reliefs examined. The stone-work is reported to him to be in a fair condition, although there are parts somewhat decayed. Experiments are being tried as to the effects of Professor Church's baryta solution on outside Portland stone; when the result is ascertained, the First Commissioner will consider its application to these bas-reliefs for the arrest of the decay. There seems to be nothing requiring urgent attention, and having regard to the great need for restricting public expenditure at this time, the First Commissioner regrets that he cannot promise now to undertake a restoration.

Inscription on Pedestal of Statue of King James II.

Mr. PIERPOINT: I beg to ask the hon. Member for Chorley, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, whether his attention has been drawn to an error in the Latin inscription on the pedestal of the statue of King James II. now standing at the back of the Admiralty; and whether he will give instructions to have it corrected.

Lord BALCARRES: The inscription is a facsimile of that on the original pedestal. When the statue was removed some years ago from Whitehall Yard it was found to be necessary to renew the pedestal; but it was thought best to make no alteration in the old inscription, which was probably contemporaneous with the statue. In the circumstances the First Commissioner considers it would be preferable to leave it alone.

Mr. PIERPOINT asked what authority there was for saying this was the ancient inscription, and if the First Commissioner of Works would refer to *Magnae Britanniae Notitia*, published early in the eighteenth century.

Lord BALCARRES: The authority of the book, is in our opinion, not so correct as the rubbings we possess of the original stone.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—Accounts.

Mr. LONSDALE (Armagh, Mid.): On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction have yet decided to publish their accounts, showing what allocation of the funds at their disposal in each financial year has been made to each respective county in Ireland.

The CHIEF SECRETARY for IRELAND (Mr. Wyndham, Dover): The Department hopes to be in a position to give this information, so far as may be practicable, in its next annual Report.

Sir Neville Chamberlain, R.I.C.

Mr. LONSDALE: On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland on what date Sir Neville Chamberlain resumed his duties as Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary after his absence on leave which was continuing on 11th to 15th September, 1903.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The Inspector-General was on leave of absence from 16th September to the 19th October, both days inclusive.

Carlingford Magistrates.

Mr. LONSDALE: On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that there is no justice of the peace resident within five miles of Omeath, in the Carlingford petty sessions district; and whether, in view of the inconvenience resulting from this fact, he will urge upon the proper authority the desirability of appointing some suitable person, such as D. Glenn, as soon as possible.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The facts, I am informed, are correctly stated in the Question. Recommendations for appointment to the Commission of the Peace are made to the Lieutenant of the County or to the Lord Chancellor. I have referred my hon. friend's Question to the Lord Chancellor for consideration.

Land Purchase in Galway—Alleged Intimidation of Landlords.

Mr. LONSDALE: On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if his attention has been called to the intimidation practised on the Daly and other estates in Galway to compel the landlords to sell their estates on certain terms; is he aware that many of Colonel Daly's tenants have refused to pay any rent; that his workpeople have been threatened with violence if they continue to work for him; and that on the night of 28th July two shots were fired into the house of a herd of Colonel Daly named Burke, and three shots fired into the house of one of his labourers named Ward; and, if so, whether he intends to put the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act in force in the district, or, if not, what steps will be taken to protect life and to preserve order.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The Government is fully seized of the condition of things on this property and in its immediate neighbourhood. Shots were fired into houses on the two occasions referred to. A large number of extra police have been drafted into the locality to prevent intimidation and protect life and property. As at present advised the Government does not propose to resort to the procedure of the Criminal Law and Procedure Act.

Evicted Tenants on the Marquess of Waterford's Estate.

Mr. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory): On behalf of the hon. Member for East Waterford, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether any steps have been taken, or will be taken, by the Estates Commissioners to bring about the reinstatement in their former holdings of evicted tenants, or to secure untenanted land in connection with the sale of the Marquess of Waterford's estate in the county of Waterford now pending, under the provisions of the Land Act of 1903, with the view of providing farms for tenants who formerly held on this estate.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The question of the reinstatement of the evicted tenants in their former, or other holdings will be considered by the Commissioners when their inspector's report on the property is before them.

Earl Fitzwilliam's Tenants.

Mr. JAMES O'CONNOR (Wicklow, W.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he can state the number of processes for arrears of rent which have been issued since the 1st of January last by Earl Fitzwilliam; and how many of the tenants have agreed to purchase their holdings since they were served with the processes.

Mr. WYNDHAM: Applications for processes for arrears of rent were heard in twenty-four cases since the date mentioned. The police are unable to say how many were issued. I have no information on the subject of the concluding inquiry.

Expenditure on Irish Piers and Harbours.

Mr. JAMES O'CONNOR: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he can state how much public money has been expended on piers and harbours in Ireland, other than piers and harbours in congested districts, since January, 1900; from what sources the money was supplied; and whether the sums were loans from the Board of Works or grants from the Treasury.

Mr. WYNDHAM: A reply to this Question cannot conveniently be given by word of mouth. With the hon. Member's permission the reply will be circulated with to-day's Votes.

Irish Petty Sessions Clerks' Salaries.

Mr. FFRENCH (Wexford, S.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he will grant the Return on this day's Paper relating to the Salaries of Petty Sessions Clerks in Ireland.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The Return will be granted.

The Return referred to is as follows—

Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland) (Salaries).—Return of Salaries of Petty Sessions Clerks in Ireland, in the following form:—

Name of County.	Name of Petty Sessions District or Amalgamated Districts.	Population of same as per Census of 1901.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1874.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1884.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1894.	Salary and emoluments of Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1904.	Remarks.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	

Catholic Clerks of the Veterinary Branch and the Irish Department of Agriculture.

Mr. DELANY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether, seeing that the document described as offensive by the Agricultural Department was sent by the Catholic clerks of the Veterinary Branch in reply to a minute from the secretary deprecating the Parliamentary action taken in their case, he will have copies of both documents laid on the Table of the House; and whether, also, he will indicate in what respects the reply of the Catholic clerks was inconsistent with facts.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The reply to both Questions is in the negative. I have nothing to add to my former replies.

Irish National Schools—Assistant Teachers.

Mr. MURPHY (Kerry, E.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he proposes to do anything this year to reduce the average required for a second assistant in primary schools, in accordance with the request of the Kerry Catholic clerical managers and others as to the necessity for such reduction.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The Development Grant revised Estimate contains provision for the reduction of the average required for one assistant teacher.

Lauder Estate, King's County.

Mr. REDDY (King's County, Birr): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can state the cause of the delay in the sale to the tenants of the Lauder Estate, Clonfanlough, King's County, now in Judge Ross's Court, as the residential portion of the property at Moydare, Ferbane, has been disposed of; and whether the Estates Commissioners will take steps to acquire the property, it being congested and mostly held in rundale.

Mr. WYNDHAM: This estate has been brought before the Estates Commissioners to be dealt with. They have referred it to their inspector for inspection.

Irish Labourers Legislation.

Mr. MURPHY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland how he proposes to carry out the promised legislation for the benefit of

Irish labourers, having regard to the dropping of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill of the present session.

MR. WYNDHAM: I am unable to make any announcement on the subject.

Mitchelstown Land Appeal—Mr. Ahern's Case.

MR. WILLIAM ABRAHAM (Cork County, N.E.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will state whether any inspection of the holding of Mr. Patrick Ahern, Ballylough, Mitchelstown, took place before the hearing of the appeal; whether any fresh evidence was given upon the question of value; and by whom was the inspection of the holding conducted.

MR. WYNDHAM: Mr. Jeffcott was the inspector who originally inspected the holding. There was no second inspection before the appeal. I have stated that the case was reheard on appeal by the Judicial Commissioners, and that the rent was fixed upon consideration of all the evidence giving at the rehearing.

Smallpox in Armagh.

MR. LONSDALE: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that there has been a sudden outbreak of smallpox in the city of Armagh, and that the efforts of the local authorities to check the spread of the disease are being hampered by the failure of the Local Government Board to furnish an adequate supply of vaccine lymph; and whether he will take immediate steps to remedy this deficiency.

MR. WYNDHAM: An outbreak of smallpox has occured at Armagh. There has been no failure on the part of the Local Government Board to send an adequate supply of lymph. The Board forwarded 1,500 tubes between the 4th and 8th inst., and will continue to supply as many as may be required.

Redmond Estate, County Wexford.

MR. TULLY (Leitrim, S.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the agreements for purchase on the Redmond Estate, county Wexford, have yet been lodged with the Land Commission; do these show the rent, valuation, and price in every case; if so, can he give the figures to the House; and, if not, when will they be published in the official Returns to Parliament.

MR. WYNDHAM: I am not prepared to discuss the terms of sale on individual estates.

MR. TULLY: But I may point that the particulars are given in connection with other estates.

MR. WYNDHAM: The Returns recently presented by me only deal with counties, not with individual estates.

MR. TULLY: You cannot have read the Blue-book.

Trinity College Cahirciveen Tenants.

MR. BOLAND (Kerry, S.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether an opportunity will be afforded to the tenants of Trinity College, in Cahirciveen and district, to lay a statement of their position before the Commission; and, if so, can he say on what day the Commission sit at Cahirciveen.

MR. WYNDHAM: The Commissioners propose to hold a sitting at Kenmare and Listowel for the convenience of tenants from this district. The sitting at Kenmare has been fixed for Tuesday, and at Listowel on Thursday next.

MR. MURPHY: I hope the tenants will be duly informed. There are a great many under-tenants much affected.

Ridley Estate, County Westmeath.

MR. HAYDEN: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he is aware that certain tenants on the Ridley Estate, county Westmeath, have been served with writs because they would not agree to the landlord's terms of purchase; and if he will take steps to ensure an inspection by the Estates Commissioners of any holdings agreed to be purchased under such conditions.

Mr. WYNDHAM: Only one tenant has been served with a writ, the reason being that he withheld payment of his rent. He has since paid. Should the estate come before the Commissioners they will be guided in any action they may take by the provisions of the law.

Cattle Breeding in Wexford.

Mr. TULLY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can explain why the Board of Agriculture purchase bulls in Scotland and send them to the county Wexford, ignoring the local breeders, seeing that at the spring show in 1903 out of fifty-four entries in the aged bull class, seven of the first twelve were Wexford bulls; can he say how much has been paid to Scotch breeders for the bulls sent by the Department to Wexford; and what is the amount of tax levied on the ratepayers of that county for the purposes of the Committee of Agriculture.

Mr. WYNDHAM: Of the thirteen bulls purchased for premiums in county Wexford this year three were bred in the county, four in other parts of Ireland, one in England, and five in Scotland. The price paid for the five Scotch bulls was £184. Owing to the scarcity of suitable bulls in 1903, five of the premiums offered were not taken up. In order to assist the county committee to secure the full number this year the Department sold the five Scotch bulls to farmers in Wexford, who selected the animals themselves out of a number in the hands of the Department. A rate of one penny in the £ is raised over the whole county under the Act of 1899 and is estimated to produce £1,460.

Belfast Market Tolls.

Mr. TULLY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the attention of the Local Government Board has been drawn to the complaints made in Belfast that the Market Committee of the Belfast Corporation exact a levy, varying from £60 to £100 a year, for the fat extracted from the carcases of the animals seized by the meat inspectors, while no compensation is paid to the owners of the condemned animals; and what steps the Local Government Board propose to take to put an end to this practice.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The Hon. Member has been misinformed. The market committee do not exact and never have received any payment such as mentioned.

Cootehall National School Teacher's Salary.

Mr. TULLY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the Commissioners of National Education can explain why the salary of the principal teacher of the Cootehall Male National School, Circuit 7A, Roll No. 7402, was reduced on the 1st January last from £134 to £116, seeing that this teacher has been 34 years in office and in the first division of first class for the last 20 years; whether he is aware that the average attendance in this school, calculated on 200 school days, had been for year ending 31st December last 34·46; and whether, seeing that the school had been in operation for only 203 days of the year, and the latter six months had been exceptionally wet, the Board will take these circumstances into consideration and order this teacher to be paid his full salary.

Mr. WYNDHAM: The salary of this teacher was reduced because the average attendance for the preceding year failed to reach 35, the mimimum number which would, under the Commissioners' Rules, warrant the continuance of first grade salary. The average was 34·1 only—and even if it were 34·46 as mentioned, the Commissioners could not regard it as having reached the required minimum.

Butler Estate, County Kildare.

Mr. KILBRIDE: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the Estates Commissioners have received an application for reinstatement from Mr. P. J. McLaughlin, an evicted tenant on the Butler Estate, near Castledermott, county Kildare; and, if so, whether the Estates Commissioners have communicated with the landlord, agent, or present occupier of Mr. McLaughlin's holding with a view to his reinstatement; and will he say what powers the Estates Commissioners possess to make compensation to occupiers in possession of evicted farms who are willing to surrender in favour of the reinstatement of evicted tenants.

MR. WYNDHAM: An application has been received from this evicted tenant, who is stated to be at present in America. The application will be duly considered. In reply to the concluding query, I refer to my statement in answer to the Question on the 19th July, by the hon. Member for South Tipperary.†

Cork Police.

MR. SLOAN (Belfast, S.): On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether, in view of the practice to have at least one Protestant head constable of the Royal Irish Constabulary stationed in the city of Cork, he will say whether there is one stationed there at present; and, if not, whether he will order one to be sent there as soon as possible.

MR. WYNDHAM: I replied to a similar Question by my hon. friend the hon. Member for South Belfast on the 18th July.‡

Belfast Police—Sergeant M'Gunn's Case.

MR. SLOAN: On behalf of the hon. Member for South Antrim, I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he was aware that Sergeant M'Gunn, R.I.C., stationed at Sprinfield Road, Belfast, was ordered to be severely reprimanded and transferred to a county station for engaging in trade contrary to the regulations; that the transfer to a county was subsequently cancelled, and M'Gunn was transferred to another station in the city; that Head Constable M'Gauran, who was in charge of M'Gunn's station, was also ordered to be transferred to county Cork for permitting such a breach of the regulations; and that the transfer in his case also was cancelled; if so, will he state what mitigating circumstances led to these cancellations; and what person or persons, not members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, communicated with the Inspector-General on the subject.

MR. WYNDHAM: I am informed that the facts are generally as stated in the Question. Both men appealed to the Inspector-General to suspend the orders for their transfer in view of their lengthened service and of their declared intention shortly to retire from the force. The Inspector-General acceded to their applications. He received no communications on the subject from persons unconnected with the force.

Tralee Technical Schools.

MR. THOMAS O'DONNELL (Kerry, W.): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he has received a resolution from the Tralee Technical Schools asking for permission to start, during the coming winter, an evening school in connection with the National Board; and, if so, what action he proposes to take in the matter.

MR. WYNDHAM: On the 28th July the Commissioners communicated to the secretary of the Technical School Committee the official form of application which it is necessary to fill up in such cases. This form has not yet been returned to the Commissioners.

"Calliope's" Visit to Lough Swilly.

MR. MURPHY: I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will state at whose request and for what purpose a training ship is about to be sent to Lough Swilly; and if representations are made to him by the inhabitants as to the undesirability of having a training ship in the locality, he will take steps to prevent the placing of the ship in Lough Swilly.

*THE SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY (Mr. PRETYMAN, Suffolk, Woodbridge): The "Calliope," sea-going training ship, is about to visit Lough Swilly in the course of her second summer cruise. There is, however, no intention of stationing a training ship at this port.

MR. MURPHY: The ship is being sent there against the wishes of the inhabitants.

Moyne Sub-Postmastership.

MR. J. P. FARRELL (Longford, N.): I beg to ask the Postmaster-General whether he has decided to sanction the appointment of Mrs. Smyth to the vacant sub-post office of Moyne; and whether, having regard to the protest made against this appointment by local residents in the district, he will cancel this appointment, and give the office to one of the other applicants for this vacancy.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 407.

‡ See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 277.

Lord STANLEY: I decided to appoint Mrs. Smyth to the vacant sub-post office at Moyne, as from the information furnished in the first instance she appeared to be the most suitable candidate. I have since ascertained, however, that a serious impediment in Mrs. Smyth's speech would interfere with the proper discharge of her duties, and I have therefore altered my decision, and propose to appoint Mrs. Gray.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. BRYCE: May I ask when the Prime Minister proposes to take the Lords Amendments to the Licensing Bill and the Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR said that, if he did not misrepresent the feeling on either side of the House, he thought it was in the direction of showing that it was desired, as soon as they reasonably could, to draw the necessary business of the session to a close. After the Appropriation Bill was concluded he proposed to take the Committee stage of the Irish Land Bill. He would then propose to take the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill. They might then take the Licensing Bill, the subjects for discussion in which were not very important, so far as he was able to judge. Then he proposed to take the Public Works Loans Bill and the Isle of Man Customs Bill. There might be some other Bills which were wholly of an uncontroversial character, but those he had mentioned would be taken first.

Mr. BRYCE said that of course they did not know how long discussion of the Appropriation Bill would last, but it would be very undesirable to take the Lords Amendments to the Licensing Bill in the small hours.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis): I gather that the right hon. Gentleman does not intend to take the Whales Scotland) Bill.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: Not if my hon. friend has the same keen, but not friendly, interest in big fishes that he has in small. But I think by agreement that Bill might be taken.

Mr. SYDNEY BUXTON (Tower Hamlets, Poplar) asked after what time the Amendments to the Licensing Bill would not be taken.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR said that he would not like to put a limit to that. He hoped that they would come to some friendly arrangement about business, but he might say specifically that he did not propose to take the Cunard Agreement or the Capital Expenditure Bill that night.

Sir CHARLES DILKE: Do you propose to take the Army Council Bill?

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR said that it was quite impossible to pass that Bill.

Sir CHARLES DILKE: And also the Anglo-French Convention Bill? inasmuch as it is not likely, I understand, to be ratified by the French Chamber.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: I do not want to enter into broad questions of international policy, but I think the right hon. Baronet will see that it would be a pity if we did not pass this. It would mean that for six months longer the matter would hang in suspense. I think the French Chamber will probably deal with the Bill the moment they meet; but of course if they refuse to ratify it there will be no injury to this country owing to our having passed it.

Sir CHARLES DILKE said he did not want to stand in the way of the Bill, but he simply raised the point because he had information that the Chamber were not likely to ratify it.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: Oh, I think they are.

Mr. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee): Will there be a Saturday sitting?

MR. A. J. BALFOUR said it would be necessary to have a Saturday sitting. He trusted that it would be the last sitting of the session, but that would depend on the friendly arrangements with regard to business which they might make.

MR. H. J. WILSON (Yorkshire, W.R. Holmfirth): At what hour will the Saturday sitting be held?

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: According to the almost invariable practice, at 12 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE LORDS.

That they have passed a Bill, intituled, "An act to Amend the Acts relating to Electric Lighting." [Supply of Electricity Bill [Lords.]

That they communicate Copies of Reports from the Select Committees on Supply of Electricity Bill, Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill, Sea Fisheries Bill, Chantrey Trust, appointed by their Lordships in the present session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Evidence, Proceedings of the Committees, etc., as desired by this House.

CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order for Second Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

MR. BRYCE (Aberdeen, S.) said there were many topics one might be tempted to comment upon at the close of the Parliamentary year, but he would resist that temptation, although he might have referred to the extraordinary character of the session, which had been unprecedented for the confusion of business, for the harsh and wild methods by which Bills of great importance, and upon which there had been no obstruction, had been scamped through, upon the further degradation which had been inflicted upon the House, or upon the sort of "game of hide and seek" which His Majesty's Ministers had played with the House in endeavouring to avoid disclosures of their convictions, if they had any, and their intentions, if such existed, provided the Government were not waiting to learn the views of the country. But he passed from these matters, because the country might safely be left to give its own verdict upon them, and he turned to two topics of some interest to them, and on which every one would agree it was well that something should be said, namely, questions which had arisen out of the war between Russia and Japan, particularly with reference to contraband of war, and the question of the condition of South Africa, especially in view of the very important statement recently made by the Colonial Secretary. He was unwilling to do anything which would in any way embarrass the Government in the negotiations which they were carrying on with the Russian Government over concrete cases, or over general rules and principles. He was sure the First Lord of the Treasury would admit that on the Opposition side of the House every possible forbearance had been shown in not raising these questions unduly and pressing the Government upon them. He did not take any credit for that, for it was no more than the duty of any one who had regard to the extreme difficulty in which the Government was placed; but for that reason he would not press Ministers to make any further disclosure either of the actual state of the negotiations, or of the views which they intended to enforce, beyond what they considered could be made with advantage to the public service. It was, therefore, perhaps better to pass by the concrete cases, to which reference had been made already—such, for instance, as the case of the "Knight Commander," with regard to which he hoped that they might feel that the Government were taking the proper steps to indicate the principles which this country believed to be in accordance with international law. But there was the general principle, which, he thought, might fairly be discussed, and on which the Government might fairly be asked to express an opinion; that was the question of what was to be deemed contraband of war.

Russia appeared to be trying to extend very widely beyond all recent rule and precedent the definition of what might be called either absolute or *prima facie* contraband of war. In particular it had extended that definition so as to make it include such articles as raw cotton and foodstuffs. The general principle was perfectly clear. There were certain articles which were obviously used for military and naval purposes and which from the very beginning of things had always been held to be contraband of war. But there was a large category of articles which might conceivably in some cases be used for war, but which were equally likely to be in transit on the seas for purposes of peaceful life and commerce. There had been a great deal of divergence in the practice of different nations, even in the practice of the same nation at different times, in regard to these, but the general principle was that they were to be treated as contraband of war only when it could be clearly proved that they were designed for a warlike use. He would take two articles—food, and such a raw material of industry as cotton. Food, by the general consent of nations, was not contraband of war unless it could be clearly proved to be intended for military or naval purposes. As one well-known authority had declared it was unjustifiable so to treat it merely because of some uncertainty as to its ultimate destination. In 1885 an attempt was made by the French Government to treat rice as contraband of war. Lord Granville protested in the most energetic way, and stated that we would not recognise any decision of a French Prize Court which treated rice in that category; and in point of fact rice never was treated as contraband of war. Maritime commerce would be paralysed if such articles as raw cotton and food were held to be contraband. It would be a serious matter for every populous commercial country if the principle were recognised that trade was practically to be suspended and the pacific population of a country actually at war was to be put in need either of the articles for carrying on its pacific industries or of its food supply by a harsh and undue exercise of belligerent rights. The United States had unmistakably shown its view on the subject, and he hoped His Majesty's Government would act in concert with the United States in endeavouring to make good that view.

There was the question of the use that could be made of neutral ports by the armed vessels of a belligerent. The facts with regard to Russia's action were sufficiently clear to show that she had gone very near the edge, if not over the edge, in using neutral ports for the purpose of repairing and equipping vessels which had in point of fact been stopping neutral ships and exercising belligerent rights. The law was fairly well settled on that subject. A belligerent Power had no right to use a neutral port as a naval base. She must not make it a means of carrying on armed action either against the enemy's vessels or against neutral vessels. A very limited use of neutral ports had been conceded, and it was clearly in the general interest that that limited use should not be allowed to extend. He hoped the Government was alive to the importance of the question, and would see that nothing more was done than was clearly recognised by the existing law as being within the rights of belligerent Powers.

Now he desired to pass to a different topic altogether, viz., to the South African question, as to which a very important statement had recently been made by the Colonial Secretary. It was extremely difficult to ascertain what was really happening in the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony, but enough was known to oblige them to regard the position with some anxiety. There had been great disappointment of the hopes entertained with regard to the development of the country and with regard to its fitness for the reception of British settlers. They knew there was great depression in its principal industry, and that in the case of Johannesburg the depression had almost reached destitution, and they knew that there was in both elements of the population a considerable measure of discontent. The disappointment that existed would not surprise those who knew something about the true facts of South Africa. There never was ground for the extravagant hopes held out to the people of this country about the development of the Transvaal; it was part of the general policy of misleading the people of this country by which, added no doubt to a blundering diplomacy, we were brought into an entirely unnecessary and a very costly and deplorable war. Everybody who knew South Africa in 1895 knew that white men would not do the hard labour of the Transvaal. But nothing was said of that when the war was being hatched. If the facts to which the country had now been awakened by the discussions on Chinese labour had been known before, the opinions entertained on the whole subject of the war would have been very different. There was also very serious financial trouble in the Transvaal. There had been a great deal of extravagance, and the discontent which existed was considerably aggravated by the fact that unduly high salaries had been paid to officials, many of whom had not, in the opinion of the people, shown very high competence for their work. There had been considerable waste upon the project of land settlement, which those acquainted with South Africa knew could not come to much, and the financial difficulties would have been still greater were it not that the troops were being made to do at the cost of the British Treasury a good deal of work originally intended to be done by the South African Constabulary and paid for out of local funds.

He trusted that the Colonial Secretary would do all he could to remove the cause of discontent among the Dutch as soon as possible and before any further constitutional development took place. One of these causes was the treatment given to the Dutch language. That was a matter on which all experience showed it would be good policy to meet the wishes of the Boers. He did not say that these grievances were very great, but the very fact that they were not should make it easy to remove them. He believed a comparatively small concession would remove them and would not weaken, but would strengthen, the position of Great Britain in the country. Another matter was the non-payment of receipts given by British officers. The money, after all, was not so important as the removal of the sense of injustice which prevailed. Then there was the question of the payment of debts due from the late Government to private individuals but not recognised by our Government. Those debts, he thought, ought to have passed with the assets. He considered that the situation showed two bright spots—the very considerate way in which Sir A. Lawley was endeavouring to meet the Boers, and the testimony to the law-abiding spirit of the Boers which was to be found in the reports of the resident magistrates, which shewed that the Boers were endeavouring, in the present state of things, to abide by the law. There was ground for satisfaction in that fact—for everyone knew it took a long time after a war was concluded to re-establish normal peaceful life. He would like to know whether the policy of granting some electoral representation to the people of the Transvaal was to be extended to the Orange River Colony, the population of which was more homogeneous than that of the Transvaal, and would consequently present fewer difficulties to the adoption of such a policy. He hoped his right hon. friend would state the general lines on which it was proposed to proceed, and that the system would be plain and simple and free from any ingenious device which would be an obstacle to true representation. He believed it was still possible to bring the Dutch population into perfect concord with their British neighbours. The policy pursued during the next few years might decide the future for a very long period, and it was important, not only to give evidence of the good intention of the people of this country, but also to smooth the path as far as possible for that fuller form of self-government, of which he believed the Colonial Secretary himself was in favour.

*MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) pointed out that as Parliament was about to be prorogued, the Government would have a free hand for something like six months, and would have unfettered control of matters of the highest moment and involving material issues. It seemed to him that it had ceased almost to be a Conservative Government. Each department of power now had at its head a Liberal Unionist; that was the case at the War Office, the Navy, the Exchequer, the Colonial Office, and the Foreign Office, and it seemed as if by some self-denying ordinance the Conservatives had stood aside and agreed to hold only the ornamental offices, leaving all the real power to their allies. The Liberal Unionists had still one thing to achieve, and that was the conversion of the country, and possibly of the Prime

Minister to the system of protection, which had recently been proposed. He would not dwell on these topics, however, interesting as they were. He intended instead to deal with two matters relating to foreign affairs. The first was the Anglo-French Convention. Up to the present the French had refused to ratify this Convention, and he was not at all sure that the hopes expressed by the Prime Minister of ratification were justified. There was a strong party in France opposed to it. The Newfoundlanders, who lit bonfires on hilltops at the outset, were now feeling that their action was premature, and were resisting the interpretation which the Government were being forced to put upon it. He considered the declarations with reference to the partition of Siam and with reference to Morocco as no less than a crime. Morocco was likely to give us a great deal of trouble, and serious questions would arise, one of which might be our retention of Gibraltar. He wished to ask whether, if the Convention were not ratified, the two separate agreements would fall with it.

Regarding the very important question of belligerent rights and Russian seizures and contraband of war, he agreed that it was the duty of Members not to embarass the Government, but he did not think that that meant that silence should be kept. By voicing the great apprehensions entertained outside the House Members would afford the Government an opportunity of making declarations which he trusted would be sufficient to allay those apprehensions. He need hardly remind the House that in the treaties of 1851, 1856, and 1871 the public law of Europe was defined, accepted, and guaranteed by all the Powers of Europe, namely, that in time of peace the Straits of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles would be closed to vessels of war. That meant a most important principle and it was one which we, of all other people in Europe, had a great deal of interest in maintaining, and indeed defending if it should be attacked. That had been constantly gnawed at, and there had been repeated infractions of the principle. That could not be denied, and only so recently as 1902 there were repeated attempts on the part of Russia to send what were practically armed vessels through the Straits in defiance of the declarations of the public law which he had cited. He, in October, 1902, called the attention of His Majesty's Government to the infractions of the principles laid down. Again, in February, 1903, he suggested what he believed then, and still believed, to be the true method of arriving at a solution of the view taken by Russia and ourselves, namely, to submit to the Hague tribunal what was, after all, a question as to the interpretation of the three treaties he had cited. He very much regretted that in 1902 and the early part of 1903 His Majesty's Government, instead of almost rebuking him for his assurance for calling attention to so high a matter and refraining from doing anything, did not accept the suggestion he made, or adopt any other suggestion for the settlement of this most important matter. The result was that we were now confronted with a concrete case of the most serious importance—no less a question than whether the "Petersburg" and other vessels which went through the Straits were or were not lawfully commissioned. His opinion was that it was not possible for a State to lawfully commission a vessel as a man-of-war except in one of its own ports. His belief was that these vessels were commissioned in Russian ports—Sebastopol or Odessa—and, if afterwards they used deceit in order to pass the Straits, that, to his mind, did not impair the right of visitation, search, and seizure they possessed. They might have passed through the straits by deception practised on the Turkish authorities, and by pretending to be what they were not—merchant vessels. He believed it gave us strong ground for remonstrance with the Russian Government that it had thus been enabled to break through the public law of Europe, but to his mind it did not affect the right of these vessels, if they were duly commissioned, to exercise belligerent rights on the high seas. That matter of the Straits should have been settled in 1902, and if not then in 1903. Many of the doubts and difficulties which now surrounded the discussion of this matter of belligerent rights would then have disappeared. He certainly commended it now, at any rate, to the attention of His Majesty's Government, for if it was not settled there would be one volunteer ship coming down after another from the Black Sea, or perhaps the whole of the Black Sea fleet. We should then have to look to ourselves in a very special manner, and to our strength in the Mediterranean.

He came now to the question raised by the right hon. Gentleman opposite. He could not but feel that it was presumptuous in him to pretend to say anything in this House on the subject, but what he had to say was the result of serious study of these matters during a great many years. He would confine himself, so far as he could, to citations from the great jurists who had written on the subject. He must deal first with an extraordinary delusion which seemed to possess many people in this country with regard to the laws of war. A great number of people were possessed by the idea that in war there were no laws, that war was an end of law, and that once a country had declared war everyone might do as he liked. The contrary was the truth. In time of war they must look after the wounded, they must have some regard to the prisoners who fell into their hands, they must, therefore, have flag of truce and cartel ships, and they must have regard to a whole network of regulations. So far from its being true that the beginning of war was the end of law, it was more nearly true that the beginning of war was the beginning of a new and more detailed system of acknowledged law than existed before between one nation and another. There were others who said that if there was law, it was this law of nations which they were constantly citing, and that that was no law because it had no sanction. But it had the greatest sanction—the sanction of common agreement. The principles it laid down had been accepted and were always appealed to by all the great nations of the world. It was true that there were doubtful points, yet there was agreement between all the great nations of the world on the general principles of the law of nations to which they all had to appeal, and to which, in this House, they were now appealing. War was not, and could not be expected to be, the occasion of profit to neutrals, but rather of loss and damage. In war the belligerent gained new rights, and the neutral had imposed on him new duties. To no nation was it so important that the exercise of belligerent rights should be kept intact as it was to this nation. He trusted that would always remain in the mind of every man who dealt with these questions. But if that were so, no nation should be so tolerant as we of the fair exercise of the belligerent rights which were so vital to us. As neutrals it behoved us to be patient, long-suffering, and correct in any representation we might make, and in the conduct we might hold, while at the same time, no doubt, we must stand steadfast against anything like unauthorised violence committed under the name of acts of war. Neutrality consisted in abstention from the war. It did not consist in helping both sides equally, but in helping neither side. It was necessary to affirm this principle, because it lay at the bottom of the whole question of contraband. It had never been pretended that a belligerent had the right to prevent a neutral from carrying on his peaceable commerce with the other belligerent. But the question whether it was peaceable depended on certain considerations. If the neutral carried arms and munitions of war and things which were only apt for the conduct of war then he did it at his own risk. There was no law in this country, or in any other country he knew of, to prevent the subject of a neutral from furnishing the enemy with contraband of war at his own risk. If he was seized and if his property was confiscated, then the State which had a proper appreciation of the laws of war would leave him to his fate as he deserved.

The right hon. Gentleman opposite had given a definition of contraband of war which was right so far as it went. But he had omitted an essential thing about contraband of war—that was, its destination. Destination was of the essence of contraband. To a belligerent destination many things would be contraband which otherwise would be harmless. The right hon. Gentleman had truly said that there were two or three things to be considered. First of all there were things which had no relation to and which were of no use in war at all. They never could be contraband. A grand piano or a lady's bonnet could not be contraband, because it was impossible to use them in war. Then there was merchandise applicable to war and to war alone, such as guns and ammunition. That was always contraband when it was to the destination of a belligerent. Then came things of ambiguous and equivocal use and things of double use. Provisions, for instance, destined to a civil population were undoubtedly not contraband of war. But provisions destined for a fleet at a naval port of equipment, and provisions destined for an army carrying on a campaign were contraband of war and liable to seizure. The doctrine which he had laid down was not his own. It was one which he gathered from the great jurists. It was evident that the question whether or not things which were of ambiguous or double use were contraband of war entirely depended on the surrounding circumstances, such as the true destination of the cargo, the place and circumstances under which the vessels were found, and so forth. These were all questions which could be decided alone by the Prize Court, and they could not be decided otherwise than by the Court conducting a regular judicial investigation. That, to his mind, rendered nugatory any declaration by a State setting forth what should be considered contraband and what should not.

A great deal had been made of the Russian list of contraband of war. That list was published in the *London Gazette* on the 18th of March, and ever since that His Majesty's Government had made no opposition to the list. If they were to take any exception to it that should have been done in March and not in August. If they objected to the list, the objection should have been taken then. He hardly thought, however, that great exception could be taken to the Russian list. That list was not a declaration of what was contraband of war, but of what the Russian Government considered was contraband of war, subject to the decision of the Prize Court. He could not believe from the language of this very document that the Russian Government would do other than leave the decision as to what was contraband of war to a properly constituted Prize Court. He had heard it said that a Prize Court in a belligerent country would administer the belligerent law; but Prize Courts in all countries—and no one had laid that down more emphatically than Lord Stowell—sat to administer not the local law of the country, but the great law of nations—the common law of Europe. If that were so, he did not know on what grounds England could question the decision of a properly constituted Prize Court, and he was shocked to hear it suggested that, because the decision of the Prize Court did not exactly square with our desires or the desire of our shipowners, we should refuse to be bound by it, thereby inviting the world to question every decision of our own Prize Courts.

He thought that the statement which he had made as to contraband of war would not be challenged; but he now came to the really turning part of the question. In order to ascertain whether a vessel was engaged in lawful traffic it was absolutely necessary to exercise the right of visit and search, in order to ascertain the flag under which the ship sailed, the quality of the cargo, and the port to which she was destined. But that right only appertained to a duly-commissioned man-of-war. He laid stress on the fact that it must be a duly-commissioned man-of-war which had the right to search a ship, examine the captain, question the passengers, and inspect the log-book. But the right was only a right of visit, search, and detention, not a right of trial, judgment, and compensation. To get that, the ship must be carried to the port of Prize Court with bulk of cargo unbroken. The reason was that unless the cargo on board remained intact the Prize Court could not have all the evidence before it. Looking at all the facts in relation to the "Allanton" it seemed to him that the proceedings in that case had been absolutely correct.

MR. AUSTIN TAYLOR (Liverpool, East Toxteth) asked if his hon. friend was aware that the bulk of cargo on board the "Allanton" was broken before the ship was taken to the Prize Court.

*MR. GIBSON BOWLES said he was not aware of that. In his opinion, in the case of the "Malacca" that vessel was duly detained, but there were very serious irregularities alleged to have been committed by the captors in attempts to bribe the ship's officers, and in removing and detaining the ship's papers. Nevertheless, as the case had been closed by a compromise, he would not press it. He thought that it might be politic to accept that compromise without too much question. The case of the "Knight Commander" was of quite a different character. Nothing could be more clear than the right of a duly-commissioned man-of-war to search an enemy's ship on the high sea, and to sink it if that ship could not be taken into a Prize Court; although it was not usually advisable to do so, because in that event the prize was lost. But that applied to enemy's ships with enemy cargoes, and to those alone. No jurist of any repute had ever hinted at the right to sink a neutral ship as an alternative to taking the vessel before a Prize Court. It might be that the facts and circumstances would induce the Prize Court to release the ship altogether. It might be that, although a part of the cargo which was contraband would be forfeited, the rest of the cargo would be released. It might be that the whole of the cargo would be forfeited, but the ship would be left free. The captain of a cruiser could not have the knowledge such as would guide a Court to a decision, and for him to constitute himself into a Court, Judge, and jury, and sink a neutral vessel on his own fiat, was one of the greatest outrages against the law of nations ever committed on the high seas. The captain had at once hanged his prisoner and destroyed the evidence on which he had convicted him. He had been more surprised than he could say to read a letter by Professor Holland in *The Times* of 6th August. Professor Holland was our great adviser in these matters, and had taken a great part in the compilation of the Admiralty Manual on Naval Prize Law. That Manual would certainly require a great deal of revision and alteration, or else our naval officers would be falling into the errors committed by the Russian commanders. Professor Holland in that letter said—

> "The statement of these rules (as to prize) by Lord Stowell, who speaks of them as 'clear in principle and established in practice,' may, I think, be summarised as follows:—An enemy's ship, after her crew has been placed in safety, may be destroyed. Where there is any ground for believing that the ship, or any part of her cargo, is neutral property, such action is justifiable only in cases of the gravest importance to the captor's own State, after securing the ship's papers and subject to the right of neutral owners to receive full compensation."

And then Professor Holland gave a reference to the case of the "Felicity." Professor Holland had not verified his references; had he done so, he would have seen that Lord Stowell did not admit that importance to the captor's own State ever justified sinking a neutral. In Dobson's Admiralty Reports, vol. 2, p. 386, in Lord Stowell's judgment of 26th November, 1819, the words were—

> "Where it (the ship) is neutral the act of destruction cannot be justified to the neutral owner by the gravest importance of such an act to the public service of the captor's own State; to the neutral it can only be justified under any such circumstances by a full restitution on value."

According to Lord Stowell, therefore, the action of sinking a neutral was not, as Professor Holland suggested, justifiable in cases of gravest importance to the captor's own State. It was not justifiable even in that case. It was not justifiable at all. It follows that such an act as the sinking of the "Knight Commander" could not be justified. Full restitution in value was required, and full amends for what he could not but call an outrage on the British flag. We must feel certain, or at any rate he did, that the Russian Government would, on proper representations, make proper amends, and he was as certain, aye, more certain, that it was the bounden duty of His Majesty's Government to insist upon the claim with firmness.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean) said that the House that afternoon had been lucky in hearing the speeches of two such masters of this question as the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Aberdeen and the hon. Member for King's Lynn. The hon. Member for King's Lynn had spoken with humility about his own knowledge of this subject, but those who had had to follow the writings on this subject for many years were aware that the hon. Member had made a most careful study of the question, and was a very high authority upon it. The hon. Member was, perhaps, a trifle old-fashioned in some of his views on international law, and had fallen foul of the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Aberdeen. It was probable that in the course of the debate hon. Members might differ on certain details; but it was extremely important that the main points at issue on which there was substantial agreement in the House should be emphasised. There were questions and considerations upon which an immediate decision must be come to. He would put aside the arguments of the hon. Member for King's Lynn with reference to the Straits. The question of the Straits was a dangerous one for a long time, but was not a pressing one at the present moment. It was one capable, as the Prime Minister had said in answer to Questions, of being made to slumber by judicious treatment of the two parties concerned, who could not come to a complete and immediate agreement on the subject. There were, however, other questions on which an immediate agreement should be arrived at. There was no disagreement between the hon. Member for King's Lynn and the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Aberdeen as to the international law which governed the question at issue at the moment. As regarded the attempt of Russia to treat food and raw material under all circumstances as contraband of war simply because they were destined for Japan, that was an interpretation which it was impossible for this country to accept.

There was a certain difference of language between the statement of the Leader of this House and the statement of the Leader of the other House the other day on these questions. The difference was on two points. One had reference to the "Knight Commander," and the other was on the question of contraband. Lord Lansdowne did not lecture the shippers of this country for trading in contraband of war; but the Prime Minister appended to his statement a sort of caution to shippers in this country in regard to contraband, which he himself thought gave away the case of this country. He listened to the right hon. Gentleman's statement with some anxiety at the moment. It was perfectly true that, ordinarily, there could be no objection to the right hon. Gentleman's statement; it was the connection in which it was made. The right hon. Gentleman uttered a little word of warning to shippers not to engage in contraband trade. That was what shippers understood from the right hon. Gentleman.

The PRIME MINISTER and FIRST LORD of the TREASURY (Mr. A. J. Balfour, Manchester, E.): In that case the shippers must have misapprehended what I said. My answer had nothing whatever to do with any cargo shippers chose to ship. That is their lookout. What I pointed out was that neutrals had duties, one of which was to stop when summoned, and to show the ship's papers. I never presumed to lecture shippers on the trade they should carry on.

Sir CHARLES DILKE said he did not know if that referred to the "Malacca" and the "Knight Commander" only, or if it had general application.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: Yes, on the points of stopping the ship and showing the papers.

Sir CHARLES DILKE said that that was a perfectly satisfactory statement, and he would not pursue the matter further. Statements had been published in the Russian semi-official Press which supported the view taken in the original declaration of the Russian Government as to contraband. There was, however, an undoubted objection to the principle laid down, and to the explanation given by the Russian papers in connection with the action which had been taken. They in this House had to deal with the practical facts with great delicacy, because they did not know the Russian case, and could only gather it from semi-official sources. What the country was alarmed about was whether there was not an attempt on the part of some persons in Russia, if not of the Russian Government, to use the doctrine of contraband for the purpose of annoying and depressing British trade. The question was whether the action of the Government was intended as a legitimate act, or whether it was simply intended to annoy British trade. Under any circumstances the doctrine set up would have caused natural alarm to the British shipping trade and to the British community generally. Both his hon. friend the Member for King's Lynn and his right hon. friend the Member for Aberdeen had spoken with great force with reference to the use of neutral ports as a basis for a blockade, and for interference with trade in an annoying and dangerous form. The interference which had occurred had already had a very remarkable effect in preventing the more responsible steamship lines from accepting goods for Japan, or from trading at all. He ventured to ask a question some months ago about the first P. and O. ship which was stopped by a Russian vessel using neutral ports. She had coaled at neutral ports on several occasions, and she undoubtedly interfered with trade in a manner which was entirely indefensible. There was no authority under international law which could support the establishment of a blockade of this kind by a vessel using neutral ports. This country should be the first to protest against any such contention. Indeed it was impossible that this country could put up with it.

There was the case of the "Knight Commander." A few years ago, at a moment when dangerous complications appeared to be imminent with a great Power, and when it was admitted that another great Power had attempted to get up an alliance of three great Powers against this country, Sir Thomas Sutherland called a private conference of Members of both Houses and others to consider these questions. A few gentlemen who were present were now prominent members of the Government. They considered these very questions under the chairmanship and able guidance of Sir Thomas Sutherland, including the use of neutral ports as the basis for a quasi-blockade. The matter was referred to by the Prime Minister and Lord Lansdowne in the case of the "Knight Commander" in clear and explicit language, and they even went so far as to describe the affair as an outrage. The effect of the sinking of the "Knight Commander" and the other events which had occurred had had the result of discouraging British shipping. Three or four of the leading steamship lines had been obliged to cease trade with Japan, which trade was now being taken by other Powers.

Mr. LEAMY (Kildare, N.) asked why the other Powers were not afraid.

Sir CHARLES DILKE said he could not explain, because it was a matter of hypothesis; but the facts were as he had stated. He should like to know what steps the Government were taking to carry out the principle laid down by Lord Lansdowne. That declaration was clear and perfectly plain; and he wished to know what reply had been given by the Russian Government to it. The view of the British Government had not been accepted by the Russian semi-official Press; and the result was that the British shipping trade was being discouraged.

There were two other questions he should like to mention. The Prime Minister had stated that the Opposition should have the main responsibility of choosing the subjects to be discussed in Committee of Supply. He was quite sure that the Patronage Secretary to the Treasury did all he could to meet the wishes of hon. Members in carrying out that arrangement. There were two subjects it would have been desirable to discuss but which were not discussed owing to the tendency to take unimportant Votes in the early part of the session and on the days immediately following the reassembling of the House after the Easter and Whitsuntide holidays. The result was that certain questions were never discussed at all. One of these questions was the Protectorates Vote, and particularly the East African Protectorate, which was of wider importance than the career of Sir Charles Eliot. Members of the Opposition had protested against monopoly concessions of large tracts of territory by the Congo State and by France in the French Congo, and his view was that the East African Proctectorate should be subject to the same principle. The other question related to the conditions of labour prevailing in the Army Clothing Factory. Certain promises which were made to a deputation by the representatives of the War Office had not been carried out, and he hoped, generally speaking, that next year a more careful arrangement of the time devoted to discussions in Supply would be made so as to allow the House to discuss Votes relating to questions of first-rate public interest. He hoped to hear from the Prime Minister a statement as to the steps that were being taken to carry out the admirable principles laid down a fortnight ago by Lord Lansdowne as to interference with British trade. An assurance was needed from the Government to the effect that they were taking active steps at the present time in respect of what was becoming not a mere theoretical grievance of this country, but a practical grievance, arising from interference with British trade.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: A good many questions have been asked me, the majority of them relating to questions of international law and practice; indeed, those questions formed the substance of the speech of my hon. friend the Member for King's Lynn, and occupied the greater part of the speech of the right hon. Baronet. The right hon. Baronet, however, by way of parenthesis, towards the end of his speech introduced come criticisms as to the method in which the Government had allocated the business of Supply during the session. I do not think he will assert that when the Opposition have made a claim for a subject to be brought forward for discussion, that claim has been refused.

SIR CHARLES DILKE: Not refused, but claims have been put off until during the last month they have jostled one another. Days were wasted earlier in the session.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: Surely, if there has been such waste, the responsibility falls quite as much on the Opposition as it does on the members of the Government. It must be remembered that each week an appeal is made to us, and each week we endeavour to carry out the arrangement made; and, no doubt, had the Opposition been agreed that it was desirable to discuss the question of Government factories or any special Government factory, an opportunity would have been found at an earlier period of the session. I am sorry that the question has not been discussed, and also the question of the protectorates; but any one who will go through the statistics of the session and examine the actual number of days spent in Committee of Supply will not be disposed to think that too little time out of the whole time at our disposal has been used for the criticism of the Government and too much time for legislation. The contrary is really the fact.

Sir Charles Dilke.

I do not know that I need refer to the opening remarks of the right hon. Member for South Aberdeen. They were, I suppose, merely a general introduction to his speech in which, in the course of five or six lines, he made five or six rather serious charges against the Government. It is not worth while to enter into a controversy with the right hon. Gentleman, but I think it can be said that he did not seem to take much interest in the Bills himself. But the right hon. Gentleman did make a very interesting speech on international law, and the other speeches on the same subject are entirely worthy of a rather important occasion. The right hon. Gentleman speaks on that subject both as an historian and as a jurist with a very special knowledge and special authority. I must express on my own behalf a general concurrence with the views on international law expressed by all the hon. Gentlemen who have spoken. This does not mean that I agree with all they have said; it is with the general principle rather than with the particular details that I express agreement. Such authorities as the hon. Member for King's Lynn and the two right hon. Gentlemen did come into some small collision in the course of their speeches, so that the three authorities on international law are not wholly agreed. But if I do not criticise the details of the speech of the hon. Member for King's Lynn, I do think he laid down one proposition to which I take specific objection. It was that a belligerent who captured a neutral vessel had the right to examine the papers, but had not the right to examine the cargo. I think that my hon. friend is mistaken. I think that the authorities are on the other side. It is not a matter of very great importance, for indeed I may say parenthetically that one of the difficulties which now affect the traditional and authorised practice of international law is in this respect of examining a ship's cargo. Difficulties now exist which never existed at the time when international law was in the making during the years of the great European war. It was then probably an easy matter to examine the contents of a ship's cargo. Then the amount of the cargo could not be more than a few hundred tons; but the steamships of the present day carry 7,000 or 10,000 tons of cargo, and the process of conducting an examination of that, although not forbidden by international law, is almost forbidden by the excessive difficulty of the operation. Then let the House observe what difficulties that involves also for all concerned. The belligerent makes a prize of a great liner, a ship carrying 7,000 or 10,000 tons of cargo; it takes it into a Prize Court; examines it; finds that there is no contraband; and the damages that ought to be paid, of course, are of an enormous amount. And it is one point which the Russian Government have got to recollect in this case, just as we have got to recollect it among other similar questions, that damages in the case of an improper capture or improper condemnation of a ship may mount up, and must mount up, if prizes are largely taken into Court for examination, to sums which amount to a most formidable total.

Then, leaving that point of the right of search, on which I think my hon. friend was mistaken, I would say that my comment upon his speech, which is of the greatest substance, relates to his view of the authority of Prize Courts. My hon. friend's view appears to be this: That any nation may lay down, if it pleases, what list it chooses of articles which it declares to be unconditional contraband of war, and that against that there is no remedy except the remedy of the Prize Courts belonging to that nation itself. Well, I will frankly admit that if that doctrine of my hon. friend is to be accepted without reserve, the dangers to neutrals are of a very formidable kind.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES.—What I intended to say was that no declaration by a State of what it considers to be contraband of war is of any binding effect at all; that it is only the decision of the Prize Court, which may or may not take that view of the case, that is of binding effect.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR: Yes, to that statement I make some demur. It is perfectly true that a Russian Prize Court is not bound by the declaration of the Russian Government as to what the Russian Government chooses to consider unconditional contraband of war. That is true. But as a matter of fact, I presume, and I think I am not going too far when I say, that a Russian Prize Court would be greatly influenced by a declaration of its own Government that it regarded this or that object as unconditional contraband of war. But in any case I traverse the doctrine that when that Prize Court has given its decision, if that decision be contrary to the law of nations, it is to be accepted by the neutral. I do not know whether my hon. friend intended it, but I think some of his audience probably were moved, as I was, to suppose that his view was that when the Court finally decided that such and such a neutral ship was carrying what in the opinion of that Court was contraband of war, the whole subject then necessarily dropped and it was, as it were, a decision of a final Court of Appeal, like the decision of a final Court of Appeal in this country over the citizens of this country, and that there was nothing more to be said. Well, no doubt nobody would desire to quarrel with the decision of a properly constituted Prize Court of a belligerent country dealing with these matters; but if it be found that that Prize Court had condemned as contraband of war things which the law of nations set out as not contraband of war, I do not think it would be possible for a neutral to sit down absolutely quiescent under a decision of that character. I do not know that there has been any such decision even of a Prize Court of First Instance in Russia upon those subjects; but we certainly have felt it to be our duty to point out to the Russian Government that we protest in the strongest way against the idea that, for example, food is to be regarded as contraband of war, and that we hold it open to ourselves—this statement was made at the very beginning of the proceedings, in the very earliest days of the war—that we hold it open to ourselves to make representations on other matters declared to be contraband of war. Certainly that is a privilege of which we have already availed ourselves and of which we may have to avail ourselves even more still. But I trust not.

Let it be remembered that miscarriages are more likely to occur at the beginning than towards the end of a war. Of course if there is ill-will between the parties, a desire to quarrel or to trample upon them or ride rough shod over their privileges or convenience, then of course matters go from bad to worse; but the natural course, and what ordinarily happens, is that at the beginning of the war the mistakes are made by officers, rights are driven too far, then remonstrances are made, and practically the things of which great and just complaint has been made are not repeated, and matters grow not worse, but better. I really hope, and I believe it, that that will be the case in the present instance. Therefore I would protest rather against a phrase which dropped from the right hon. Gentleman opposite, that practices were creeping in which threatened the rights of neutrals now, or, it may be, the rights of belligerents at a later date. I do not think that that is so. I am absolutely and perfectly confident that we shall have no repetition of the difficulties which occurred in the case of the "Petersburg" and the "Smolensk," and I am perfectly confident that no neutral will again be sunk by any Russian vessel. We have expressed in this House and in the other House of Parliament the very strong view we hold upon the international outrage—I think that was the word used by my noble friend in another place and by the hon. Gentleman here—of sinking a neutral ship. I will not go over the grounds why we think that a wrong. I think I stated them myself in this House; if I did not they were stated with great lucidity by the right hon. Gentleman opposite and other speakers in this debate, and I need not repeat the reasons. I will only say again that I agree with them, that the Government agree with them, and that we have conveyed in the very clearest language to the Russian Government the view which we take upon this particular transaction. I do not know that on that I need say anything more, or that anything stronger need be said. I feel personally, and my colleagues feel also, great satisfaction at the fact that we are able to make this statement to the House—namely, that whatever be the abstract views of the Russian Government, in which I think they differ from the jurists of all countries, upon the right of belligerents to sink neutrals in certain circumstances, they will not in the concrete carry out any such proceedings.

There is only one other point which I have not touched upon, and that is the use of neutral ports as bases of operations for cruisers. Again, I think that is one of the things that may have occurred. But it is somewhat obscure, and to show how obscure it is, I think the right hon. Gentleman made an error of fact when he said the "Osiris" was taken in the Red Sea. I think it was taken in the Ionian Sea. But it is not the past that matters so much, it is the future; and we are, of course, absolutely clear, and I think all nations agree with us, that the essence of the matter is that neutral ports shall not be made bases for hostile operations. Of course, as everybody who has studied these questions in the concrete knows, it is very much easier to lay down a general proposition with which everybody agrees than to deal with every case which ingenuity can suggest and in regard to which it is asked, does this come under your rule or does it not? I could, were it desirable or even worth while, present to the House a great many hard cases on this point, but I will not do it. The only case, I think, which can be alleged is the case of the use of Jibuti.

Sir CHARLES DILKE: There was a case at an Egyptian port. The ship that took the "Osiris" took coal both at Jibuti and at an Egyptian port.

Mr. A. J. BALFOUR: Of course, the right hon. Baronet means one of the Canal ports. A Canal port, of course, is regulated by a special commission of international force, which, although it does not differ at all from the nations generally as to the principles which it holds, may differ as to the actual method by which those principles are carried out. For example, as the House knows, we have rules regulating the use of coal and our power to give coal to belligerent ships. I am not aware that the French have laid down in detail rules in regard to that. In special cases the practice of the French may differ from the practice of the British; but the French will not be less ardent than ourselves in declaring the fixed policy of nations to be that neutrals are not to allow their ports or coal or anything else that is theirs to be used to facilitate hostile operations, either on the part of one belligerent or another.

My hon. friend asked me a question about the Anglo-French Agreement. I can say that we have always taken the view that the whole Agreement stood together and have refused to discuss hypothetical conditions. My hon. friend has asked me what will occur if the French refuse to pass the necessary measures which correspond to our Act of Parliament; but I hope he will allow me to put off discussing that, I trust, most improbable contingency until it has actually occurred. I do not think anything can be gained by dealing with a hypothetical problem which has not yet come before us. It certainly would not facilitate the solution of that problem were it to be dealt with in that way. I trust that I have surveyed the whole ground now; and as regards this all-important question of contraband of war, important, I think, not merely for the commerce of this country, but I may almost say for the future peace of the world, and the future relations between belligerents and neutrals, I hope I have been clear and satisfactory in my statements. If I have not been so, I shall be glad to supplement the statement I have made, so that the position may be quite unambiguous, and that on this, the last occasion on which we can fittingly discuss the subject before the holidays, no doubt can be felt in the minds either of the House or of the country as to the policy which we are pursuing.

*MR. BELL (Derby) said this was one of those debates in which they introduced a variety of questions and it was rather difficult to know at what point a particular subject ended. This particular question which had been before the House had been brought to a conclusion by the reply of the Prime Minister. He desired to offer a few observations to the President of the Board of Trade as this was the last opportunity he should have for about another six months. The subject he desired to bring forward was one in which he took a very deep interest, namely, the safety of those employed on the railways of the United Kingdom. The number of killed and injured each year did not diminish by anything like the proportion which would give satisfaction to him and other hon. Members. He was not going to charge the railway companies with not taking the same amount of interest in this matter as himself, but he knew that the railway companies had at present, and had had for some time their hands full looking after other matters. The Act of 1900 had been partially put into operation, but he should like to see it more stringently administered. He thought insufficient pressure had been brought to bear by the Board of Trade to work this Act to its fullest capacity. For the last four years the Estimates had allowed money for additional sub-inspectors, and the President of the Board of Trade last year promised that they would be appointed this year, but one only had been appointed. Under the Home Office there were over 150 inspectors of all classes for factories and workshops. For the mines they had about forty inspectors of all classes, but for the railways of the United Kingdom, which was an equally dangerous occupation, they had only seven inspectors of all classes. Three of these were chief inspectors entirely occupied in investigating and inquiring into occurrences connected with the working of passenger trains, and the other four were totally insufficient to inspect the whole of the railways of the United Kingdom. He believed that the boards of directors of railways and the chief officials were as earnest as anybody else in their desire that everything should be done to diminish as far as possible the number of accidents, both fatal and non-fatal, but the heads of railways could not see all the details that required attention and they had to rely largely upon subordinates, some of whom he knew from experience were not as careful as even their superiors desired them to be, and they avoided doing a great many things because they were likely to incur expense.

He congratulated the right hon. Gentleman upon the proposal which he had introduced for recording accidents in the future, for he believed it would be a great improvement upon past methods.

They would in future be able to dissect preventable and non-preventable accidents and classify very serious and minor ones. The returns each year, so far as the numbers were concerned, were very unsatisfactory and he believed that the last returns showed an increase. There was an increase in the fatal accidents and a very slight decrease in the non-fatal accidents. He was satisfied that it was possible to reduce the number of both these classes of accidents to a very large extent.

With regard to brakes this was a question which had occupied the attention of the right hon. Gentleman for the last three or four years, and he fully appreciated the difficulty which he had in pressing forward this matter, because the railway companies of this country were a very powerful organisation. He was aware that the President of the Board of Trade had through his Department endeavoured to bring pressure to bear upon the railway companies to adopt the either-side brake principle in regard to railway trucks, but they did not appear to be very willing to work in harmony with the right hon. Gentleman in regard to this question. The President of the Board of Trade had not taken this matter into his own hands, but had left it to the railway companies, and they had had a series of trials with certain classes of brakes the selection of which had been left entirely to railway officials. The consequence was that certain brakes had been admitted which were totally impracticable, whilst on the other hand they had excluded some of the best brakes on the market. He suggested that the right hon. Gentleman should undertake to test these brakes under the supervision of his own Department. There might be a Committee formed consisting of representatives of the railway companies, the Board of Trade, and the men, to test these various kinds of brakes and to recommend the best. The sooner something of this kind was done the better it would be for all concerned. Every year thousands of new trucks were being built for private owners, and for railway companies, and if this matter was not settled the result would be that both railway companies and private owners might be put to an enormous expense when the Board of Trade decided upon the adoption of a particular kind of brake. The brakes would have to be taken off the new trucks and other brakes put on. If instructions were given now that all new trucks should have the new brake fitted on them the cost would be very little more. In his opinion, that was a practical suggestion, and one which would be beneficial to railway companies, railway men, private owners, and all concerned. He hoped the right hon. Gentleman would accept the suggestion, for he could assure him that by doing so he would receive the gratitude of thousands of men employed on the railways whose lives and limbs were dependent on the appliances used in connection with their occupation. No one would say that he himself was unduly harsh on railway companies or private owners. He only wanted that which was reasonable and fair. Brakes were now being fitted on trucks which might afterwards have to be taken off in order that another kind might be adopted. That would involve unnecessary expense, which he wished to avoid. He had spoken on the question of brakes and of the necessity for the appointment of an additional inspector. He asked the right hon. Gentleman to give these matters his earnest attention, believing that if action were taken on the lines he had indicated there would be in a few years a diminution in the number of accidents to those employed on railways.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE (Mr. GERALD BALFOUR, Leeds, Central) said nobody could deny the interest which the hon. Member took in the safety of those whom he so ably and moderately represented in the House; but he hardly thought the hon. Member would expect him to acknowledge the justice of the strictures which he had passed on the Board of Trade. The hon. Member had said that he had promised that two additional sub-inspectors should be appointed within the year. That was not quite accurate. As the hon. Member knew, one additional sub-inspector had already been appointed, and if it appeared to him that a second could be usefully added to the staff he should not hesitate to make the appointment. Such an appointment, the hon. Member said, would largely diminish the number of accidents. The Board of Trade had now introduced a new system of recording and analysing accidents; and had he known that the hon. Member intended to raise this matter, he thought he could have shown that the number of preventable accidents was much smaller than was supposed, and that the larger number of accidents which occurred could not be prevented by any law which the House might pass. As to the introduction of the either-side brake, the Department had always been in favour of that. When the hon. Gentleman said he was under the impression that in the experiments that had been made some of the best brakes had been excluded and inferior brakes admitted, he could only say that if the hon. Member had informed the Board of Trade what brakes he considered should be tested he did not think they would have had any difficulty in persuading the companies to include them in their experiments. At any rate, if when further experiments were made—and he understood that the companies were ready to make them—the hon. Member would do that, there would be no difficulty about getting any brakes tested. As to the appointment of a committee to decide what brakes should be experimented with, he was quite ready to consider that carefully; but he thought that the suggestion he had made was simpler and better.

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee) said he hoped he would not be considered as breaking the orthodox routine of the House on an occasion like this if he asked leave to say a little on the Bill itself. It was rather an important Bill, seeing that it gave Parliamentary approval to all the expenditure sanctioned in detail by the House. He doubted if many Members of the House had ever seen or read the Bill, for he understood it was never circulated. He deplored and deprecated the lax habits the House had fallen into regarding the expenditure of public money. The result was the destruction of the financial and administrative control of the House. The First Lord of the Treasury either did not know or had skilfully evaded the real charge against him. It was that by taking a large Vote on Account at the beginning of the session and making use of the automatic closure at the end of the session the Government had made themselves independent of financial criticism in the House. The large sum voted at the beginning of the year on account of the Civil Services had been far in excess of the amount required for those services, and the Army and Navy Votes had lived for weeks on the money arising out of it. That was not creditable The money granted for the Army and Navy was exhausted long ago. That had been admitted even by the Prime Minister. He did not know whether hon. Members knew to what he was referring. He was referring to the first Consolidated Fund Bill, in which the grants in Supply for the Army and Navy had been by no means sufficient. The grants in Supply, authorised before 31st March, were only for ten weeks Supply in the case of the Army, and for eleven weeks in the case of the Navy. The result was that the Army and Navy Vote had been financed out of the Consolidated Fund Bill, which included not only the Military and Naval Services, but the Civil Services. He was quite certain that the House never intended or knew that that was to be the result.

There were other deplorable methods of conducting business. One was to prevent discussion by every known means, and by waste of time under the new rules. Supporters of the Government had wasted time by talking against time in the evening. Then time was wasted, as far as Supply was concerned, by private Bills being put down for consideration on Supply nights. Another cause of waste was the extraordinarily difficult form in which all the financial proposals of the Government were submitted to the House. In this Bill itself there was a clause founded on a Resolution passed the previous night which he ventured to advance not three Members in the House understood, it was so extremely difficult and technical. He dared say it was all right; but when important matters were presented to the House in that way—so complicated and so unintelligent—one could not wonder that the financial conscience of the House was becoming year by year more slack. Would the right hon. Gentleman explain why these borrowing powers were given to the Government? Were they co-extensive with the whole expenditure authorised? That would only be justifiable when the ordinary revenue system of the country had broken down. But the borrowing powers given to the Treasury by this Bill were co-extensive with the actual wants, and altogether ignored the fact that the revenue coming in was equal, or almost equal, to the requirements of the Supply Expenditure with which this Bill dealt. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, early in the year, had made his Budget on a Supply expenditure of £113,000,000. He, himself, had looked into the figures in the schedule of the Bill and he found that they did not correspond with that statement. If the right hon. Gentleman would make a calculation he would find that the Supply Expenditure for the Army and Navy, and the Civil Service and Revenue Departments amounted to £112,700,000; but in looking into accounts he found that the estimated expenditure was £500,000 less than what the Chancellor of the Exchequer had stated.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Worcestershire, E.) said that was disposed of by £500,000 being estimated for the Somaliland Expedition, the accounts of which had not yet been received from the India Office, and for which the Indian Government was primarily responsible.

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON said that, in other words, the Estimate for Somaliland, which accounted for £500,000, had no place in the Appropriation Bill at all, and would probably appear in a Supplementary Estimate next year. The practice of having these Supplementary Estimates was a bad one, and it became more extremely bad when it was done deliberately as in this case. No Appropriation Bill had had so little to say for itself as this one in the deliberate judgment of the House of Commons. It was impossible to find within its four corners a true picture of the national expenditure, because alongside of the legitimate expenditure there had arisen in recent years what was called the other day an irregular expenditure, over which, especially in respect of borrowed money, the House had ceased to have control. Up to March last the money spent in this irregular way amounted to £32,000,000. This system made it impossible for the House to see what really was the expenditure for the current year. He referred in particular to naval works, the statement on which had been delayed until it was impossible properly to discuss the details, although there had been repeated promises given to the House that there would be an opportunity for discussion on all these points. That was not all. He could assure the right hon. Gentleman, who had been at the Admiralty himself, and who took as much interest as any one in naval affairs, that he hardly seemed to know the contents of this Paper. Last year the Naval Works Bill contained three great Votes for works—the Rosyth Naval Base, Chatham Dockyard extension, and various other items, but the Admiralty could not tell the House what was the estimated cost of these works. They put down a nominal sum such as £500,000 or £100,000 and the House was given to understand that this year it would have real and fully considered Estimates. His astonishment was profound when he found that the figures were precisely the same as last year. He was told the other day that the only case in which an approximate estimate could be given was that of the Chatham Dockyard extension, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer said might cost about £4,500,000.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN said the hon. Gentleman had misunderstood his hon. friend.

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON said that was the explanation. He was not aware that any explanation had been made as to the total amount. If that was an official statement, why was it not printed upon the Admiralty Paper? Under the system upon which they were proceeding, not only were they incurring liabilities side by side with the work provided for in the Estimates, but they did not know the extent of those liabilities. They did not know in the case of Rosyth, Chatham, or the Coastguard stations to what extent they were committed, and that was not a safe or creditable position for the finances of the country to be in. They did not know what the expenditure would be in the future upon all these great and important works. The Civil Service

Estimates amounted to £28,000,000 a year, the Navy Estimates to £37,000,000, and the Army Estimates to more than £29,000,000. The total expenditure of the two fighting services of this country amounted to £66,000,000. The National Debt was a legacy of ancient wars, and they had to add to the £66,000,000 provided for warlike purposes, £27,000,000 which our old wars were costing the country. Therefore £93,000,000 was what this country was paying for fighting purposes, past and present. That was the price they were paying for what had been described as an "aggressive Empire."

He wished to point out that this vast expenditure upon the two services represented no settled policy at all. They had not had that year any real Army Estimates, and the Secretary for War himself had described them as interim Estimates. They were sham Estimates upon which sham debates had taken place. After the debates which had taken place in both Houses it was impossible to maintain that even the present Navy Estimates represented any longer a settled policy, and it was clear that the two-Power standard had gone. The right hon. Baronet the Member for the Forest of Dean had practically given it up and even the Secretary to the Admiralty did not really attempt to defend or define this two-Power standard. It could neither be defended or defined, and they must get some other formula. A large portion of the expenditure upon the Army and the Navy provided for in this Bill was for the protection of the Colonies, in which the people of this country personally had no concern. Although the people of the United Kingdom numbered about one-tenth of the population of the whole Empire they were paying under this Bill 99 per cent. of the whole cost of the Navy! And what about the Army? He confessed that in the present confusion of Army affairs he could not hazard anything but a guess, and unfair as the burden of the Navy was upon this country he thought it would be found to be still greater in regard to the Army. Take either the Estimates this year or the possible Estimates under the new system, and ask how much of the £30,000,000 spent upon the Army this year was due to the defence of the United Kingdom alone and how much was due to the defence of other parts of the Empire. This country was called upon to pay for an Army used for outside purposes including the defence of our self-governing Colonies.

With regard to the National Debt it had not directly grown larger this year but it stood now at £800,000,000. In addition to that they had contingent liabilities so-called amounting to about £20,000,000, and, above all, they had guaranteed loans amounting to over £150,000,000, which he feared would tend to increase and not diminish. That was over and above the contribution to the National Debt of £12,000,000 in the present year. Considering the cost of the Cunard Agreement, and taking into account other items, instead of being better off by the amount of the Sinking Fund they were at least £6,000,000 worse off than they were the year before. That was a very serious matter. All these burdens had been imposed upon a long-suffering people, many of whom were extremely poor, and they were being imposed by a Parliament which had long ceased to be representative and by a Government which no longer had the confidence of the majority who kept them in power.

*SIR JOHN COLOMB (Great Yarmouth) said the hon. Gentleman opposite who had just sat down had referred to him with regard to one or two points. Upon one particularly, upon which the hon. Gentleman had expected his support, he desired to say a word. He had asserted that we had no settled policy with regard to the Navy. With that he could not agree. With regard to the two-Power standard he saw no difference between the statement made a night or two previously in another place and the statements which had been made for several years past. Nobody who had really considered the matter could imagine that a relative standard could be set up for all vessels. We could have a two-Power standard for the battle line but we could not have a two-Power standard for the whole of the Navy. We must have regard to the geographical conditions of the Empire and what we had to protect. The right hon. Gentleman had alluded to a Return which had recently been laid before the House, and he (Sir John) desired to say a few words with regard to one great question which everyone was trying to smother but which would have to be faced. This Bill was to appropriate and sanction certain expenditure for the year, and that expenditure might be separated into two groups, the expenditure which concerned the United Kingdom only, and the expenditure which concerned the Empire as a whole, and which did not concern the United Kingdom except as part of the Empire. If the schedule of the Appropriation Bill of ten years ago was compared with the schedule of the present Bill it would be found that those items which represented Imperial Expenditure as distinct from those which concerned the United Kingdom only, namely, the Army, Navy, Diplomatic and Consular Services, had very nearly doubled. On further examination it would be found that the sum necessarily allocated to the Navy in the present Appropriation Bill was as great as the total charge for those three services ten years ago. That would give the House some idea of the growth of expenditure.

As to the naval charge it was no use crying out about it because we had to pay it and he would show the House how it had arisen. If they took the three great Powers, the United States, Germany, and Russia, and compared their aggregate Navy Estimates of ten years ago and of the present time, the House would find that their aggregate naval expenditure had trebled while our own naval expenditure had only doubled. It was obvious that if we were to defend our sea interests we must keep up our command of sea power and do what was necessary to be done, otherwise our Empire would go to pieces. The expenditure for the Navy was not an expenditure which had been pressed upon the country by the wishes of Ministers; it was an expenditure consequent on the necessity of competing with the action of other Powers. The Navy was to protect the whole of the sea interests under the flag, and he thought that recent events, as to which they had had such a satisfactory statement from the First Lord of the Treasury that day, in connection with certain matters of maritime war must open the eyes of everybody as to what maritime war meant for us. The Navy was the necessity of every citizen of the Empire, and that being so, how long were we going to try and run it out of the resources of the United Kingdom alone? The aggregate British revenue raised outside the United Kingdom was greater than that raised within the United Kingdom.

Mr. LOUGH (Islington N.): What revenue?

*__Sir JOHN COLOMB__ said the aggregate revenue of the outlying Empire was £148,000,000 a year, and out of that revenue the outlying Empire only contributed £384,604 to the maintenance of the Navy. The revenue of the outlying Empire was greater than that of the United States, but the United States this year was spending £16,000,000 on her Navy. Let the House take another point. Take our sea interests as measured by our sea trade. What did they find? They found that the contribution to the Navy regarded as an insurance charge was 4 per cent. on the annual value of the United Kingdom's sea trade, whilst that of the outlying Empire did not amount to 1s. 6d. in the £100 annual value. No country in the world gave such preferential treatment with regard to providing naval security for its various States as we, and when we talked of the consolidation of the Empire this was a point to be remembered, for we had to look on both sides. He had brought this matter before the House on every opportunity; he admitted, and every one realised, the difficulties of it; but what was wanted was a little more plain speaking, a little more bringing of these facts out by responsible Ministers. Our fellow citizens in the Colonies were, like ourselves, reasonable men, and it should be made plain to them once and for all that a Navy for the purposes of the whole Empire could not be run from the resources of the United Kingdom alone. He trusted the House would forgive him for treating this important matter in this hasty way, but he desired to get others to look into it because we were shutting our eyes to it, and the sooner the question was raised in a rational way the better it would be. In all our history the two Ministers who had spoken most plainly to our Colonies in this matter were the right hon. Member for West Birmingham and Lord Selborne.

MR. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory) said although it might be true that the Colonies did not pay anything like a proper contribution towards the upkeep of the Navy, and the burdens laid upon this country in consequence might be considered excessive, the English people had not so much to complain of because of the amount of money that found its way back to the great shipbuilding yards on the Clyde and elsewhere. But this was not the case with regard to Ireland whose dockyards were empty and whose people were not even given a share of the repairs of the Fleet. Ireland got no return for the contribution she made. He rose, however, not to discuss the question of the Navy, and the House would forgive him for drawing attention to a more practical question. What he now desired to raise was the question of the evicted tenants, which was a burning, in fact the all-absorbing, question in Ireland at the present time.

*MR. SPEAKER: I do not see how that arises on the Estimates.

MR. DELANY: Is there not a Vote on the Estimates for the Congested Districts Board, Sir, or a Vote for the Chief Secretary. Does the Chief Secretary do his work for nothing?

*MR. SPEAKER: If the hon. Member will reflect for a moment he will see that it is not in the power of administrative officers to restore evicted tenants.

MR. DELANY submitted with great respect that he was entitled to raise this question having regard to the fact that the Chief Secretary was practically the head of every board in Ireland.

*MR. SPEAKER intimated that the matter to which the hon. Member was referring had nothing to do with the Estimates; it was a question of law and could not be raised on the Appropriation Bill.

MR. AUSTIN TAYLOR called attention to the recent Return of the business transacted by the Crown Agents during the last five years. The amount of business done was represented by £7,500,000 in 1899; £,9,500,000 in 1900; £14,000,000 in 1901; £23,000,000 in 1902; and nearly £94,000,000 in 1903, the last named amount including certain extraordinary financial operations in connection with the Transvaal. These figures showed the enormous and progressive importance of the business done by the Crown Agents. Their commission during the same period had increased from £24,000 to £46,000. That Return, he thought, was worthy of consideration, if only to get an idea of the extraordinary character of the British Empire outside the self-governing Colonies and India. When people used the phrase "British interests" they did not always realise what it represented, but a study of this Return would help them to realise the enormous responsibilities of the Empire and, therefore, of these Crown Agents, who were practically the commercial and financial agents for the whole of the Empire outside the self-governing Colonies and India. Certain charges had been brought against the Crown Agents of inefficiency, red-tape, and general delay in the execution of commissions entrusted to them, but the point he wished to urge was that there was no effective supervision of these officials, they being in an absolutely irresponsible position so far as Parliament was concerned. The recent Return was probably the first for fifty years that had been laid before Parliament giving details of the gigantic business done by them, and his object in rising was to press upon the right hon. Gentleman the Colonial Secretary the immense desirability of securing the presentation of a similar Return every year, so that Members might have an opportunity of understanding what was going on in connection with this business.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES (Mr. LYTTELTON, Warwick and Leamington) thought that the demand of his hon. friend was not an excessive or an immoderate one, and he would favourably consider the course which he suggested. One expression used by his hon. friend might convey a somewhat erroneous impression. He spoke of the commission which the Crown Agents received. They were not paid by commission, but by salary, and the commission went towards the expenses of the office, and their salaries were not altered by the magnitude of business or the magnitude of the expenses which they undertook. He had always been willing to investigate any specific cases brought before him, but he confessed that, considering the enormous magnitude of the business, it was most remarkable that no specific instances of the kind complained of had been brought against the gentlemen who carried on this business.

His right hon. friend the Member for Aberdeen had called attention to certain matters which he said were causing discontent to the Boers at the present moment. With regard to the Dutch language, that matter was brought by the Boers themselves to the notice of Sir Arthur Lawley at the late conference at Pretoria, and Sir Arthur Lawley then pointed out that the Dutch language was in no danger in the Transvaal. It was the colloquial language, of course, of a majority of the population, and it was not considered necessary to take very elaborate precautions to maintain it, because obviously it maintained itself. But if there were any such necessity, he thought the House would feel that it was fully met by the precaution that an hour a day should be given in the schools to the teaching of the Dutch language. That would enable the children of the Boers to learn a somewhat more classical and grammatical form of Dutch than the Taal, which they themselves employed in the ordinary relations of everyday life. The experience of those who had administered the country was that the Boers throughout had been extremely eager to learn the English language. The second point referred to by the right hon. Gentleman was the non-payment of the military receipts given by British officers during the war. He had urged the rapid discharge of any obligations which might now be outstanding, and those obligations were being dealt with by a Commission at the present moment. The third point related to the discharge of the debts due from the late Boer Government. That formed the subject of very specific negotiation at the time of the treaty. The British Government from the first repudiated any obligation to discharge those debts incurred during the war. A distinct agreement was made by which £3,000,000 was set aside as a free grant to the burghers, but no admission was made with regard to the obligations of the late Boer Government other than that when they were considering payments out of the sum of £3,000,000 to the Boers, the Government would regard as evidence of war losses notes which the Boers had themselves from their late Government. That had been carried out, and, as it was a matter of the distinctest understanding, it was quite impossible to say that we had ever departed in the least from the agreement.

The right hon. Gentleman had asked about the propositions for representative government for the Transvaal which had been made by His Majesty's Government and communicated to Lord Milner, but, inasmuch as the despatch conveying those propositions would not reach Lord Milner before the end of this week, he could not go into detail at all in regard to the proposal. He entirely agreed with the right hon. Gentleman, however, that the propositions carrying out the intentions of the Government should be made plain, straightforward, and simple, so far as the conditions of the problem enabled them to be so. The right hon. Gentleman also spoke of the great disappointment which had been experienced in the development of South Africa in the last two or three years. Well, he had dealt with that subject elaborately upon the Colonial Vote, and showed the colossal effort that had been made to reconstitute the economic condition of the country as it existed at the beginning of the war. After the war the country was left in a condition of general desolation, but enormous efforts had been made, and enormous expenditure had been incurred to remedy this. Those efforts were rendered still more arduous and difficult because of the drought, which necessitated practically the keeping alive of a great population, not for the period of six months which was anticipated, but for a period of not less than eighteen months. No one who read the figures could deny that in addition to that the great shortage of labour which had existed at the mines, and which still existed, had made the task of development even more difficult than it would otherwise have been. That shortage, in broad figures, amounted to something like 25,000 labourers at the present moment, as compared with the state of things before the war. The right hon. Gentleman spoke of the misrepresentations which had been made with regard to the war, and the pictures that were drawn as to the hopes which white labourers and working men in this country might cherish in regard to the Transvaal, and he spoke of the misrepresentation which had lured this country into the war. He must utterly deny the historical accuracy of that account. The war was not fought upon that pretext. It was fought for reasons very familiar to the House, and it had the assent of the enormous majority of the people of the country and of the House, and it had the assent of many of the right hon. Gentleman's own colleagues. That assent, so widely prevalent and universal, would never have been given for the merely material reason alleged by the right hon. Gentleman.

THE MASTER OF ELIBANK (Edinburgh, Midlothian) asked whether the Crown Agents had protested against the Elder Dempster monopoly in regard to the West Coast of Africa.

MR. BRYCE asked the right hon. Gentleman to say whether it was proposed to give electoral representation to the Orange River Colony.

MR. LYTTELTON said the Government had not yet received the reports on this subject of the Governor of the Orange River Colony. The conditions in that Colony were very different from those in the Transvaal.

MR. BRYCE observed that the difference was in favour of the Orange River Colony.

MR. LYTTELTON said he was not saying for a moment that the Orange River Colony was not in a most satisfactory condition. It was in a very satisfactory condition, but the conditions of the two Colonies were very different. No absolutely final decision had been come to at the present moment. The Government had not received the reports from the Orange River Colony. He thought it would probably be desirable that the Colonies should be dealt with one at a time, and that some experience of the experiment made in the Transvaal should be gained before similar proposals were made in regard to the Orange River Colony. He could not answer the Question put by the hon. Member for Midlothian.

MR. SHACKLETON (Lancashire, Clitheroe) said he wished to call attention to the conditions under which the workers in the Army Clothing Department were employed, a subject which the House had discussed from time to time during a number of years. The fact that general discontent existed in the department was in itself proof that there was need for reform. He and other hon. Members who had directed attention to this subject had said that the wages paid by the department were not fair and reasonable for the work performed. They had alleged, and he believed it could be proved, that a number of women were employed in the department at a wage of less than 10s. a week each, and that the condition of the workrooms, from a sanitary point of view, was not what it ought to be. Something should be done to put the rooms into the condition in which they would have to be if the workpeople were in private employ. No Government Department should have a preference over private employers in regard to matters relating to the health of their workpeople, and the condition of their workrooms. Not only had that been so however, but the Government had not given attention to complaints made in that House, as they ought to have done. This year evidence in support of the representations made was forthcoming from an outside source—an organisation called the Christain Social Union, composed of persons whose aim was to improve the social condition of the people, and having, as the president of its committee, the wife of an ex-Minister of the Tory Party. That body confirmed in every detail the statements which had been made in that House for years and years past in regard to the Army Clothing

Department. Attention had been called in previous debates to the lack of ventilation in the pressing rooms in the department's factory, and the results of the inspection which had been made concerning those complaints were not at all satisfactory. They knew as a fact that the department was aware that the inspection was to be made, and that all preparations were made in order that the place might be clean, tidy, and fresh. No inspection of that sort deserved a moment's consideration. There ought to be an independent inspection, just as there was of private factories, by one of the qualified inspectors who did such work throughout the country, and in whom the workpeople had confidence.

Complaint was made that too much of the time of the House was taken up with detailed criticism of the hours of labour and the wages of the workpeople in Government establishments, and it was sometimes said that undue pressure was brought to bear upon Members representing dockyard towns and other places in which Government establishments were situated to raise the complaints of the employees in that House. The House ought to be the ultimate place in which to deal with such questions, but it was an absurdity that individual complaints should be brought there. To remedy that the Government should give full right of making representations to accredited men representing the workpeople, and such representatives should receive complaints and have power to deal with them. This course was followed in many private factories, and he could say from experience that a great number of complaints could thus be quickly disposed of. He thought the Government had gone a step backwards in this matter. Why should the Government put themselves in a different position from the ordinary employer? He objected to the principle that these men should have to make their complaint individually before the Secretary of State. Let the head of the Department be placed in the position of the manager of a great public works, and let him receive the complaints of the workpeople through their accredited representatives. The workpeople ought to be kept in the background. He believed that that was the only way to remedy the constant influence which was brought to bear on Members of Parliament to bring grievances before the House.

*MR. CLAUDE HAY (Shoreditch, Hoxton) said he wished to call attention to a matter which affected the Home Office. Within the last two or three days Questions had been addressed to the Home Secretary as to the case of two young women whose hair had been cut in Holloway Prison when they were under remand. Although adequate time had been available for inquiry to be made, he complained that they had had nothing but vague replies to the Questions which had been put to the Treasury Bench on this subject. Haircutting on the plea of removing vermin from the roots of the hair was ridiculous when the hair, as in the case of these two women, was not cut shorter than that of the Home Secretary. In every workhouse insecticide was found to be the only means of eradicating vermin from the hair; then why should the hair be cut in prison when the prisoner under remand was just as innocent of crime as the inmate of the workhouse? Moreover, in the cases of Pratt and Hudson he was satisfied after careful personal investigation that the hair was cut by a prisoner and not by a wardress, and that the medical officer inspected these women's heads after and not before the haircutting. The whole case was a scandal. He submitted that it was a grievous wrong that these young women, while under remand on a charge of stealing, which charge was subsequently dismissed by the police magistrate, should have had their hair cropped and been compelled to go from the Police Court with the mark of a convict upon them. It was a gross indignity. This might seem a small matter, but it affected the rights of every innocent citizen in the country. Then there was a case of a well-known tradesman who went to "Lords" to witness a cricket match, and was arrested for stealing opera glasses, because he happened to have a pair of opera glasses of his own in his pocket. He was taken to prison on a Saturday, and although he was ready to establish his identity he was forbidden to telegraph to his friends, and he was retained in custody until the following Tuesday, when the magistrate dismissed the case against him. The Home Office ought to see that prisoners under remand were properly protected. The time had come when servants of the Crown should be expected to conform to the views and instructions of the House of Commons. At present some of the high officials of the Home Office did not attempt to conceal their contempt for Parliament. Another question he wished to raise was in relation to the telephone service of the country. Certainly, the Postmaster-General said he would communicate to the House any agreement with the Telephone Company; but what he was anxious about was that no binding agreement should be entered into without Parliament having had a full opportunity of discussing its terms. That was all the more necessary because, when the last agreement with the company was discussed, they were told they could discuss it as much as they liked, but that the bargain which had been entered into would not be altered.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE WAR OFFICE (Mr. BROMLEY DAVENPORT, Cheshire, Macclesfield) said that there was, without doubt, the right of full and free access to the employer in the case of the Army Clothing Factory. The rules were perfectly clear and plain. Any man or any women having a grievance might go to the chief ordnance officer. He agreed that the proper person to deal with small grievances was the superintendent of the factory. If a grievance affected a class it might be represented by a deputation, provided only that they were servants employed by the Government. It had been suggested that trade unions outside and having no dealings whatever with the factory should have the right of representing a grievance; but it was most undesirable that an outside authority should have the right to intervene. There were, however, certain circumstances in which the Secretary of State and himself had received deputations from trade unions, and would continue to receive them. With regard to the death of the unfortunate girl Alice Wright, it had been suggested that had it not been for the want of some action on the part of the War Office she would have been alive to-day. That was a very serious accusation, and there was no ground whatever for it. This girl suffered from extremely bad health. She was continually away from her work, and the medical officer declared that she was hardly fit for ordinary employment, much less for employment in such an institution as the Army Clothing Factory. It was suggested that the factory was badly ventilated, but that was certainly not the case. Was the hon. Member ever at the factory?

MR. SHACKLETON: No, certainly not.

MR. BROMLEY DAVENPORT said that he could tell the hon. Gentleman that it was one of the finest factories in the country. He was there a short time ago on one of the hottest days, and he observed that the temperature of the room in which Alice Wright had worked was 74 degrees. The inspection of the factory was carried out by a Home Office official; there was no preparation for his visit, and the workpeople were not withdrawn while he made his tests. There was no ground for the charge brought against an officer of the highest credentials whose personal reputation and character had secured for him an appointment the duties of which he discharged with credit.

*MR. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty) called attention to the illegal trawling which took place around the North of Scotland and the Western Islands. He pointed out that from 1896 to 1902 the number of trawlers had increased from 109 to 275, an increase in six years of 166. With the increase of these piratical trawlers he submitted that there ought to have been an increase in the number of fishery cruisers or sea police, instead of which there had been, as he would show, a decrease. He had always contended that these trawlers should be kept out at sea, but they came within the three mile limit and broke the law. He quite admitted it would be extremely difficult to have cruisers all round the coast, but at least there might be one or two additional fishery cruisers. What was the speed of these cruisers? There was the "Vigilant" with a speed of eleven knots. The trawlers went at a speed of from thirteen to fifteen knots. What chance had the "Vigilant" to effect captures? The Fishery Board for Scotland should have made some efforts to get more boats. Years ago, when he brought this question before the House, the then Lord Advocate told him the Fishery Board were going to save money for a new cruiser. The proper course would have been to have gone to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and got the money. It was the duty of the Fishery Board to secure more cruisers, having regard to the increased number of trawlers, and if they were unable to get the money from the Chancellor of the Exchequer they should have gone to the Admiralty, who had boats lying idle in every naval port. The Board had one Admiralty cruiser, the "Jackal," lent to them for the purpose of looking after these illegal trawlers. What had become of her? For months past she had been sent over to Norway and Sweden to assist in the North Sea scientific investigations. It might be said that the "Jackal" had done good work. She had been successful in making one capture during twelve months. Altogether there had been twenty-seven prosecutions during the year, and twenty-five convictions. The maximum fine of £100 had only been imposed in five cases. The Fishery Board should take some measures to render the penalties of a more deterrent nature. Half-a-dozen skippers of those convicted rather than pay the fine elected to go to prison for forty or sixty days. He had visited some of these skippers in prison, where they were perfectly happy, their families being looked after by the owner of the trawlers. Most of the trawlers were British but had practically sold themselves to a Norwegian company, and were sailing under a foreign flag. More cruisers were wanted, not only on the Moray Firth, but all round the Northern coasts. The line fishing industry was being destroyed by these pirates coming within the three mile limit. Could not the right hon. Gentleman make some arrangement for the signatories to the North Sea Fisheries Convention to close the Moray Firth against foreign trawlers. Some years ago he (Mr. Weir) succeeded in getting the Scotch Office to realise the importance of appointing Coastguards and lighthouse keepers in certain places to keep a look-out for these trawlers, and in one place alone they had succeeded in securing three convictions. Last year the crews of fishing boats obtained five convictions, but until more cruisers were granted matters would go from bad to worse. It was of the utmost importance that the line fishing industry should be encouraged, so as to prevent these hardy men, brought up to sea life, being driven into the slums of our great cities. These Northern fishermen were the right stamp of men for the Navy. He wondered the Government did not realise the importance of encouraging such a sturdy race of men as those employed in the line fishing industry.

More money should be spent upon improving the harbours of Scotland. At the harbour of Avoch, Ross-shire, not long ago twelve fishing boats during a storm were smashed to pieces because the harbour was in such a bad condition. The whole of the £3,000 annually voted to the Fishery Board for Scotland for piers and harbours should be reserved for works in the Highlands of Scotland. Year after year nothing was done for Avoch harbour. The reply he got was always that the matter was being considered by the Department. He thought it was quite time that the Board brought their considerations to a close. With regard to the Congested Districts Board he agreed that they had done some very good work in Inverness-shire, but as to the acquisition of land in the great county which he represented, where there was more congestion than in any other part of Scotland, no land had been secured except one small farm and twenty-nine sites of a quarter acre each for fishermen's dwellings. He was informed that in some of the plans for these dwellings the stairs were 4 ft. 6 in. wide with insufficient allowance for head room. Such were the cottages which were being provided for the fishermen. He hoped the Secretary for Scotland would make some effort to secure more land, especially in Lewis. He was bound to allude to Lewis because that was one of the most congested parts of the kingdom. [Cries of "Divide, divide!"]

MR. A. J. BALFOUR rose in his place and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, "That the Question be now put."

The House divided:—Ayes, 149; Noes, 48. (Division List No. 340.)

AYES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt. Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir William
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A. J. (Manch'r
Balfour, Rt. Hn Gerald W. (Leeds
Banbury, Sir Frederick George
Bartley, Sir George C. T.
Beach, Rt. Hn. Sir Michael Hicks
Bigwood, James
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Bond, Edward
Boscawen, Arthur Griffith-
Bowles, T. Gibson (King's Lynn
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish, V. C. W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain, Rt. Hon. J (Birm.
Chamberlain, Rt. Hn. J. A. (Worc
Chaplin, Rt. Hon. Henry
Chapman, Edward
Charrington, Spencer
Clare, Octavius Leigh
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E.
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Cohen, Benjamin Louis
Colomb, Rt. Hon. Sir John C. R
Colston, Chas. Edw. H. Athole
Corbett, T. L. (Down, North)
Cox, Irwin Edward Bainbridge
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies, Sir Horatio D (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Dimsdale, Rt. Hn. Sir Joseph C.
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Doxford, Sir William Theodore
Duke, Henry Edward
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin
Dyke, Rt. Hon. Sir William Hart
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hon. Edward Algernon
Flannery, Sir Fortescue
Flower, Sir Ernest
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, S.)
Gore, Hon. S. F. Ormsby-
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Gretton, John
Hamilton, Marq. of (L'nd'nderry
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Helder, Augustus
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W.)
Hermon-Hodge, Sir Robert T.
Hope, J. F. (Sheffield, Brightside
Howard, J. (Midd., Tottenham)
Hozier, Hon. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred.
Jessel, Captain Herbert Merton
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants. Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N. S.
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col. Charles W. (Evesham
Long, Rt. Hn. Walter (Bristol, S.)
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lucas, Reginald J. (Portsmouth
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
Majendie, James A. H.
Massey-Mainwaring, Hn. W. F.
Montagu, G. (Huntingdon)
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, David J. (Walthamstow
Morrell, George Herbert
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt. Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Parker, Sir Gilbert
Percy, Earl
Pierpoint, Robert
Pilkington, Colonel Richard
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Purvis Robert
Randles, John S.
Ratcliff, R. F.
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Ridley, Hon. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rollit, Sir Albert Kaye
Round, Rt. Hon. James
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Sackville, Col. S. G. Stopford-
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Skewes-Cox, Thomas
Sloan, Thomas Henry
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Hon. Arthur (Ormskirk
Stanley, Rt. Hon. Lord (Lancs.)
Talbot, Rt. Hn. J. G (Oxf'd Univ.
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Thornton, Percy M.
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Valentia, Viscount
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Whitmore, Charles Algernon
Wodehouse, Rt. Hn. E. R. (Bath
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hon. George
Wyndham-Quin, Col. W. H.

Tellers for the Ayes—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes

NOES.

Abraham, William (Cork, N. E.)
Blake, Edward
Bright, Allan Heywood
Broadhurst, Henry
Bryce, Rt. Hon. James
Burns, John
Causton, Richard Knight
Crooks, William
Delany, William
Devlin, Charles Ramsay (Galway
Dilke, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles
Doogan, P. C.
Eve, Harry Trelawney
Ffrench, Peter
Flynn, James Christopher
Foster, Sir Walter (Derby Co.)
Gladstone, Rt. Hn. Herbert John
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Higham, John Sharpe
Horniman, Frederick John
Isaacs, Rufus Daniel
Jones, David Brynmor (Swansea
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kilbride, Denis
Kitson, Sir James
Leamy, Edmund
M'Arthur, William (Cornwall)
M'Kenna, Reginald
Moss, Samuel
Norman, Henry
O'Kelly, James (Roscommon, N.
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)

Rickett, J. Compton
Samuel, S. M. (Whitechapel)
Shackleton, David James
Shipman, Dr. John G.
Spencer, Rt. Hn. C. R. (Northants
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David Alfred (Merthyr
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
Walton, Joseph (Barnsley)
White, George (Norfolk)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Fred. W. (Norfolk, Mid
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—
Mr. Weir and Mr. Caldwell

Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and committed for To-morrow

EVENING SITTING.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) BILL (BY ORDER).

Lords Amendments considered, and agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS.

Standing Order 9, relating to Private Business, was read, and amended, in paragraph (2), line 2, by inserting, after the word "taking," the words "or compulsory user."

In line 3, by inserting, after the word "taking," the words "or compulsory user."

In paragraph (3), line 2, by inserting, after the word "taking," the words "or compulsory user."

In paragraph (3), line 3, by inserting, after the word "taking," the words "or compulsory user."

In paragraph (3), line 13, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "or compulsorily used."

In paragraph (3), line 15, by inserting, after the word "taking," the words "or compulsory user."

Standing Order 24 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 26 was read, and amended, in line 4, by leaving out the words "Fisheries and."

Standing Order 26a was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the words "of the," the words "Board of Agriculture and."

In line 6, by leaving out the words "and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade."

Standing Order 30 was read, and amended, at the end, by adding, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in paragraph (4), line 2, by leaving out the words "Fisheries and."

In paragraph (5), line 3, by inserting, after the words "of the," the words "Board of Agriculture and."

In paragraph (5), lines 3 and 4, by leaving out the words "and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade."

In paragraph (7), line 7, by leaving out the word "labouring," and inserting the word "working."

In paragraph (14), line 6, by inserting, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

In paragraph (14), at the end, by adding, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

38. Ordered, That where any Bill contains or revives or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement any land in any local area as defined for the purposes of this Order, and such taking involves, or may involve, the taking in that area of any house or houses occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons of the working class, whether as tenants or lodgers, the promoters shall deposit in the Private Bill Office, and at the office of the central authority, on or before the 21st day of December, a statement giving the description and postal address of each of such houses, its number on the deposited plans, the parish in which it is situate, and the number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons of the working class residing in it, and also a copy of so much of the deposited plans (if any) as relates thereto.

This Order shall not apply where a statement in pursuance of this Order was deposited in respect of the Act, the powers of which are proposed to be revived or extended.

For the purposes of this Order the expression "local area" means—

(1) As respects London the Administrative County of London.

(2) As respects England and Wales (outside London) any borough, or other urban district, and elsewhere than in a borough or other urban district, any parish.

(3) As respects Scotland, any district within the meaning of The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; and

(4) As respects Ireland, any urban district.

The expression "house" means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling.

The expression "working class" means mechanics, artisans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family, and persons, other than domestic servants, whose income in any case does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them.

The expression "central authority" means, as regards London, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and, as regards England and Wales, outside London, the Local Government Board, as regards Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland, and, as regards Ireland, the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The expression "Bill" includes a Bill confirming a Provisional Order.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 38 read, and repealed.

Standing Order 76 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "England," the words "or in Ireland."

In line 4, by inserting, after the word "oaths," the word "and."

In line 5, by leaving out from the word "and," to the end of the Standing Order.

Standing Order, 84 was read, and amended, in line 11, by inserting, after the word "Agriculture" the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 128 was read, and amended, in line 7, by inserting, after the word "Bills," the words "originating in this House."

133a. Ordered, That where any society or association sufficiently representing a trade, business, or interest in any district to which any Bill relates, petition against the Bill alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent to the referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the petitioners to be heard on such allegations against the Bill or any part thereof.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 133a read, and repealed.

Standing Order 141 was read, and amended, in line 4, by inserting, after the word "England," the words "or in Ireland."

In line 5, by inserting, after the word "Oaths," the word "and."

In line 6, by leaving out from the word "and," to the end of the Standing Order.

Standing Order 184 was read, and amended, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "land," the words "in Scotland or Ireland."

In paragraph (1), by leaving out from the second word "in," in line 2, to the second word "more," in line 3, and inserting the words "any house or."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by inserting, after the word "by," the words "thirty or more."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by leaving out the word "labouring," and inserting the word "working."

In line 15, by leaving out from the words "the Committee," to the word "Bill," in line 20."

Standing Order 207 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, the words—

Provided that where any such Opposed Private Business is set down to be taken at the beginning of an Evening Sitting and is disposed of, any Motion contingent directly or otherwise thereon may with the assent of the Chair be considered and disposed of at the same sitting.

254a. Ordered, That where, under the provisions of Section 9 of the Procedure Act, a Confirmation Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee, the Committee of this House shall consist of Three Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.—(*The Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed. [No. 353.]

IRISH LAND BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee).

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

*THE CHAIRMAN: If the hon. Member for the Ossory Division of Queen's County intends to apply a time limit to the first sub-section of Clause 1 only, he is right in moving it in the place in which he has put it now, but if he wishes to apply a time limit to the whole Bill this Amendment ought to come up as a new clause at the end of the Bill. I do not know which course the hon. Member desires to take.

MR. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory) said he had put down two Amendments, one of which was on the lines the right hon. Gentleman suggested, and the other to amend Clause 1. This Bill was introduced to remedy a decision of the Law Courts of Ireland which affected the payment of the bonus in respect of the sale of land to a tenant for life, and which also affected the payment of the bonus to the owners of untenanted land. In its present form he did not think the Bill carried out that object and therefore he desired to move the Amendment.

*THE CHAIRMAN: There is a Standing Order which says the period of duration of any temporary Act must be expressed in the Act at the end of the Act. I understand the object of the hon. Member is to make this a temporary Act, and therefore the proper place to put this would be at the end.

MR. TULLY (Leitrim, S.) pointed out that this sub-section of Clause 1 dealt with an entirely different subject to those raised in the other section of the Act. He contended that this Act was not a temporary Act at all and not passed for temporary purposes, and he submitted that if this Bill was to be passed and this bonus was to be given on the sale of untenanted land the limit of five years was quite long enough for that purpose.

MR. DELANY asked whether there was any difficulty in putting this Amendment as it was, and then to meet the question of making the whole Bill temporary by bringing in a similar Amendment as a new clause at the end.

*THE CHAIRMAN: The difficulty here arises from the fact that Clause 1 deals with two questions by one of which the rest of the Bill is not affected. Therefore, if the hon. Member is successful in introducing a time limit in Clause 1, it does not follow that he would be successful in putting a time limit on the rest of the Bill. If hon. Members were not prepared to discuss it as a separate clause, but desired to limit their discussion to the time limit on Clause 1, they can approach the subject now.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND (Mr. WYNDHAM, Dover) said this Bill did nothing more than was expressly agreed to both in this House and another place last year, and it must be clear to hon. Members opposite that to deny a bonus to those who sold untenanted land, after a certain time, would be to put a premium on the holding of untenanted land.

MR. DELANY said he did not want to deny the inducement to sell untenanted land, but merely to limit it so that the Act might be carried out.

*THE CHAIRMAN: If the hon. Member wishes to press his Amendment, he is entitled to do so. But in doing so, he must confine himself to the untenanted land. The other question must come up afterwards.

MR. DELANY said he had no desire to take up time unnecessarily. What he had said showed what he desired to do. He had no desire to limit the inducements to sell, but that the period during which those inducements should exist should be limited. The other night he heard the hon. Baronet the Member for Camborne ask for a time limit in what he, the hon. Baronet, called the Brewers Endowment Bill. He wanted a time limit on what he should call the Landlords Endowment Bill.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 5, at beginning to insert the words 'For a period of five years after the passing of this Act.'"—(*Mr. Delany.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

MR. WYNDHAM quite understood the object of the hon. Member. He wished untenanted land to be brought rapidly into the market, and to deal with questions which could not at present be dealt with under the Evicted Tenants Act. He objected to the Amendment, however, because it would have precisely the contrary effect. It was more necessary to have a bonus for untenanted land than for tenanted land. Untenanted land was land where both interests were owned by the landlord, and, therefore, it was worth more than tenanted land. But if they bought either to sell it to a tenant farmer or to an evicted tenant, he was going to farm on the same conditions as all the other farmers in Ireland, and therefore he could not afford to pay more, indeed in some cases he could afford to pay less, so that a bonus was more necessary in the case of untenanted than in the case of tenanted land. On the other hand the chance of untenanted land being sold was more remote. Take the case of a man who owned a tract of untenanted land. Why should he sell? There were no tenants to approach him. He would only sell because he wanted to carry out the policy of the Act, and because under this Act the Estates Commissioners or the Congested Districts Board were able to offer him the fair value of that land. To put a five-year limit in was not to induce him to come to terms, but to put a bar to the prospect of those operations being carried out. It was almost a contradiction in terms to say that if the land was not sold in five years the inducement to sell should be withdrawn.

MR. TULLY said that the fact that they were now discussing this Bill showed that they should scrutinise very closely the proposals of the right hon. Gentleman. The intentions of the right hon. Gentleman were, no doubt, good, but when these matters went before the very subtle Judges in Dublin an entirely different complexion was put upon them. This Bill could not be passed in its present shape without it was carefully explained. If this clause were passed in its present form the result might be that land would be sold to the Land Commission, not for the purpose of being distributed amongst the people, though the sellers would get the bonus. That would mean the stereotyping of the poverty in the West of Ireland.

MR. WYNDHAM said the whole of this trouble had arisen because in Clause 8 of the original Bill it was declared that the Land Commission might purchase any untenanted land which they considered necessary. Lawyers had held that that must be different from the general purposes of the Act, and the fact that there was a separate clause raised a doubt as to whether the bonus provision applied to the land so bought. This first subsection removed that doubt.

MR. KILBRIDE (Kildare, S.) asked the Chief Secretary whether he would be willing to accept a time limit of, say, ten years. There ought to be a time limit put in the Bill in order that the question of untenanted land might be properly dealt with. In the West of Ireland ninety-nine out of 100 of the landlords who held such land were not in a flourishing financial position, and they let their land on the eleven months system. Of course, the objection of the hon. Member did not hold good in the case of the eleven-months men, for they were not tenants within the meaning of the Land Act of 1881. He could not understand why the right hon. Gentleman believed that it would facilitate the acquirement of untenanted land to have no time limit at all.

Mr. WYNDHAM said he was deeply in earnest in desiring that this Bill should pass. He had to speak on it at a later period of the session than he would have desired, and the time now available did not enable him to enter so fully into the question now before the Committee as, under other circumstances, he might have done. He did not think that a time limit would be salutary in regard to any part of land purchase, but it would be fatal in the case of untenanted land. He thought hon. Members from Ireland would admit that he had shown considerable zeal in trying to acquire untenanted land. He did his best to effect that object last year. He had taken the best legal advice available, and he believed that if this Bill were passed as it stood that could be done without any further delay.

Mr. FLYNN (Cork County, N.) said if the bonus were given the owner would have a temptation to sell either to the Congested Districts Board or the Land Commission, but if they withdrew the bonus there would be no temptation to sell.

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 5, to leave out the words 'untenanted land' and insert the words 'land wholly or partly untenanted.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. TULLY moved an Amendment for the purpose of ensuring that herds should get the benefit of the recent land legislation. As the Land Act stood at present the bonus was given in respect of certain estates. The definition of tenant was contained in Section 2, and he was not sure that herds were included in any of the categories mentioned. In his own county they were an important class, and he thought they should be the first men entitled to get a bit of grazing land. He begged to move.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 6, after the word 'Board' to insert the words 'for the purposes of being divided amongst the purposes mentioned in Section 2, Sub-section 1, (a), (b), (c). (d), including herds.'"—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

The ATTORNEY - GENERAL for IRELAND (Mr. Atkinson, Londonderry, N.) said Section 2 had no reference to the question raised by the hon. Member. He could not accept the Amendment.

Mr. TULLY asked leave to withdraw the Amendment.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. TULLY moved an Amendment providing that the bonus should not be paid unless the vendor had withdrawn the estate from the Land Judge's Court before 1901. He said the estate of the late General Redmond afforded a typical instance of what had been done with regard to the bonus and of the way in which the price of land had been raised to tenants in Ireland. He had asked the Chief Secretary that day whether the agreements for purchase on the Redmond Estate, county Wexford, had yet been lodged with the Land Commission; whether they showed the rent, valuation, and price in every case; if so, whether he could give the figures to the House; and, if not, when would they be published in the official Returns to Parliament. The right hon. Gentleman said in a supercilious way that he would not give the information, and denied that such information was usually furnished to the House. He found from the Blue-books previous to the 1903 Act that such information was furnished to the House. In a letter to *The Times*, London, Messrs. O'Keeffe & Lynch, solicitors, who had charge of the sale of the Redmond Estate, stated that the number of tenants was ninety-four; rental £1,579 0s. 11d.; amount of purchase money £33,779; average number of years purchase on rents, 21·3; percentage of reduction of rent in the future annuities 30·7. These included a large number of second-term rents; forty-six tenants bought at 18·3 years purchase. When the case came before Mr. Justice Meredith in the Land Commission Court, Mr. O'Connor, K.C., who appeared for the vendor of the estate said that the total of mortgages was £23,241, the rental, in round numbers, was about £1,600 a year, and that the total out-goings in priority to Mrs. Redmond's jointure amounted to about £1,414. For all practical purposes this was a bankrupt estate in the Land Judge's Court. It yielded no surplus.

*THE CHAIRMAN: How is this relevant?

MR. TULLY said he would explain.

MR. WYNDHAM said the Act which the Committee was amending provided by Sub-section 4 of Section 48 that no bonus should be payable in respect of an insolvent estate. Whether a particular estate was insolvent was a matter for judicial determination, and it was waste of time for the Committee to try to decide such a point.

MR. TULLY said his point was that he wanted the law in regard to an estate that was insolvent carried out. A year ago last July the Member for Waterford had not an interest of 6d. in this estate. When he saw that this Act would pass he withdrew the case from the Land Judge's Court, and through the operation of the bonus and of British credit made a profit of £7,000 or £8,000. He contended that the intention of Parliament ought to be carried out. He thought he had made himself perfectly clear. His object was to show that on this insolvent estate the price of the land had been raised to the tenants.

*THE CHAIRMAN said he did not see how the hon. Member was entitled to go into these details. Were the hon. Member's remarks relevant to the question before the Committee?

MR. TULLY said he wanted to show how they were relevant.

MR. WYNDHAM, on a point of order, said that Sub-section 4 of Section 48 of the Act of last year provided that no bonus should be paid in respect of insolvent estates. The hon. Member was seeking to go into detail in regard to insolvent estates for which provision was made.

MR. TULLY said that was an entirely different question. The object of his Amendment was to see that the law was carried out. He did not object to the bonus being paid on solvent estates. He was dealing with the case of the hon. Member for Waterford, who was able by a financial operation, and the bonus and British credit, to take £7,000 or £8,000 out of which he had not sixpennyworth of interest. This was an insolvent estate.

*THE CHAIRMAN said that, as far as he understood it, the estate could not have been insolvent or no bonus would have been paid. The hon. Member was seeking to go behind the decision of the Courts.

MR. TULLY said that he wished to have the intention of Parliament carried out. This estate would have been sold for nineteen years purchase before the Wyndham Act, but immediately after the price jumped up.

*THE CHAIRMAN said the Court must have found otherwise. He did not see the object of the hon. Member going over this ground.

MR. TULLY said that he was being hampered in bringing the case forward. This estate, which before the Act would not have realised £23,000, the amount of the mortgages, fetched £40,000.

*THE CHAIRMAN said that the hon. Member was not entitled to go into these elaborate details with regard to this one case, upon which the Court had given a decision.

MR. TULLY said he was anxious that this should not fall on the tenants. He would not take up any more time, but moved his Amendment.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 9, at beginning, to insert the words 'In the case of a vendor whose estate has not been withdrawn from the Land Judge's Court since the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and one.'"—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Mr. WYNDHAM said the effect of the Amendment would deny the bonus to solvent estates. There were many estates in Court owing to accidental circumstances—a Chancery action or a thousand other matters. This Amendment would make nonsense of a great part of the Act of Parliament. He really did not think the time of the Committee should be taken up with it.

Question put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 9, to leave out the words 'said percentage,' and insert the words 'percentage mentioned in the said section forty-eight.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 9, to leave out the words 'provisions of' and insert the words 'enactments contained in the proviso to Sub-section 1, and in."—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 10, to leave out the words 'of the said section,' and insert the word 'thereof.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. TULLY said that the whole policy of this clause was to give an advantage to the tenant for life although he might not have a sixpenceworth of interest in the estate, which might be mortgaged up the lips.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR IRELAND (Mr. Atkinson, Londonderry, N.) said that this clause had nothing to do with that question.

Mr. TULLY said he was quite sure that it had something to do with it. The tenant for life was getting far too much money under this clause. He preferred the good old Ashbourne Agreement. He begged to moved the Amendment standing in his name.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 13, after the word "entitled," to insert the words "provided the purchase annuity created under this Act payable in respect of the advance will not be more than forty-two and one-half per centum below the existing rent."—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 14, to leave out the words, "same trusts as those," and insert the words "trusts (if any)."—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. TULLY said he wished to move the next Amendment standing in his name because he believed that this was a landlords' Bill and should not be allowed to go through without protest.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 18, after the words '1890,' to insert the words 'provided the purchase price does not exceed the average paid under The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, and the Land Purchase Acts, as certified by the Land Commission.'"—(*Mr. Tully.*)

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 18, after the word 'shall,' to insert the words 'subject to the provisions of the last-preceding section.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 22, to leave out sub-section (4) and insert the words 'provided that where the vendor is a person exercising any power of sale on behalf of a lunatic, person of unsound mind, or infant, or where the vendor is a lunatic or person of unsound mind selling pursuant to any order made by the Lord Chancellor, the percentage shall be held for the use and benefit of the same persons, or upon the same trusts as the case may be, as if the lunatic, person of unsound mind, or infant, as the case may be, were not under any disability.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 3, before the word 'where,' to insert the words 'Provided also that.'"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Amendment agreed to.

MR. SLOAN (Belfast, S.) said that in reference to the Amendment standing in his name, his object was to place the land clerks in the same position as the land agents with reference to the payment to them by the Land Commission.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 7, at end to insert the words '(6) With the consent of the vendor or vendors a portion of the said percentage or bonus, namely, a sum calculated at the rate of one-half per cent. on the gross amount of the purchase money and bonus, may be paid by the Land Commission to the land clerk or land clerks of the estate office, on the sale of an estate under The Irish Land Act, 1903; and if there be more than one land clerk in the estate office, the said sum shall be distributed by the Land Commission to the land clerks in joint proportion to their salaries and years service as land clerks in Ireland: Provided that, in case it is arranged by the Estates Commissioners and the vendor that the said sum shall be paid to the land clerk or land clerks of the estate office as part of the costs connected with the sale, payable out of the purchase money of the estate by Section 23, Sub-section 12, of The Irish Land Act, 1903, the amount shall not be payable out of the percentage or bonus.' "—(*Mr. Sloan.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

MR. WYNDHAM said that if the Amendment were accepted the land clerks in Ireland would obtain more than had been given to the land agents. He, therefore, was unable to accept the Amendment. His hon. friend, however, might take consolation from the fact that the word "agent" in Clause 23 of the Act meant any person who was employed by the landlord; and, therefore, if a land clerk were so employed, he would be included in the provisions of the Act.

MR. DELANY asked why the landlords should not compensate their clerks, instead of asking the public to compensate them.

MR. SLOAN asked if the word "agent" in Section 23 of the Act included land clerks.

MR. WYNDHAM said that the technical definition of an "agent" was a person who acted for another.

MR. SLOAN said that in the circumstances he would withdraw his Amendment.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 12, to leave out from the word 'construed,' to end of clause, and insert the words 'and shall take effect from the date of its passing as if this Act had then formed part thereof.' "—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause."

MR. BLAKE (Longford, S.) said that, as the House knew, he and his colleagues took the gravest objections to the Bill, and had emphasised in the strongest possible manner their objections to it, which prevented them from moving Amendments which they believed to be essential to the success of the Land Act. They had not attempted to interfere at that time of the session with the Amendments, however important Amendments might be. They preferred to take up the attitude they adopted at the beginning, when they demanded that an opportunity should be given to discuss larger Amendments.

MR. TULLY said he wished, in reply to the hon. and learned Member, to draw attention to the fact that opportunity of moving Amendments had been neglected. The Bill was a landlords' Bill and would enable them to put up prices to be paid by the poor tenants. He protested against it.

Question put, and negatived.

Question, "That those words be there inserted," put, and agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3, 4, and 5, agreed to.

Bill reported; as amended, to be considered To-morrow, and to be printed. [Bill 302.]

EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[MR. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Schedule—

MR. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory) said he wished to move to omit lines 16 and 17, which referred to the Peace Preservation Act in Ireland. That was an Act carrying pains and penalties to the people of Ireland; and it was also an indignity and an insult. They were told that the same laws existed in the three Kingdoms; but here was an exceptional law of the gravest character which denied to Irishmen constitutional rights. Under it, the Executive in Ireland had very excessive powers. A man could be arrested for bearing arms, and could be subjected to imprisonment. It was an Act against which the Irish Members were called upon to make a very strong and earnest protest. Its provisions were penal and pernicious in their character. He was acquainted with the administration of the Act in Ireland, and he knew that its administration was characterised by partisan and sectarian methods. It extended to every county in Ireland except eight counties in Ulster, where Orangemen were allowed to have plenty of arms. The Nationalist population was, however, disarmed, which was a great grievance, especially to farmers, whose crops suffered from the ravages of wild animals. In many cases farmers were absolutely denied the use of a gun for the protection of their crops even within the limits of their own farms. Farmers had frequently asked him for a recommendation to a removable magistrate; but he had to tell them that any recommendation from a Nationalist Member of Parliament would have no weight with the removable magistrate, although if the recommendation were obtained from an Orange Lodge it would be effective. When the Act came into operation, arms had to be given up and, in many instances, they were retained, and no compensation was given to their owners. The Act was an indignity and a wrong to the people of Ireland. Why should they not be allowed to use arms for the protection of their property? Ireland, at the present moment, was the most peaceful part of the United Kingdom. Indeed, he doubted if it was not the most peaceful country in the world. At present the ordinary Irishman had to ask the local police sergeant for a character if he wanted a gun licence; and very often the local sergeant refused to give it; but more often men of independent spirit declined to ask the sergeant for a character. He would ask the Chief Secretary what was the justification for the re-enactment of this Act? It was an indignity to every county, town, and parish in Ireland. He was talking to a North of Ireland Protestant the other day who told him that he was asked to join the Orange Society but that he declined, because part of the oath to be taken pledged the member to wade knee-deep in Papist blood. These were the men who were allowed to carry arms; and he would, therefore, ask an assurance from the Chief Secretary that this Act should not be re-enacted. He begged to move.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 4, to leave out the words of 'lines 16 and 17.'"—(*Mr. Delany.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the schedule."

MR. CHARLES DEVLIN (Galway) said he desired to support the Amendment of his hon. friend. By the very name of it the Act was rendered as insulting as possible. Under existing circumstances he thought it would be admitted that the Act was not required. It was an Act to preserve the peace in Ireland; but he would ask who was breaking the peace? If the records of crime in various countries of Europe were examined, it would be found that no country was more peaceful than Ireland. They were often told that Irishmen were treated just as Englishmen and Scotsmen. Was there any corresponding Act in this country? If there were crime in Ireland he could understand it; but everyone knew there was no crime. He protested against the passing of the Act because it was unfair and insulting to Ireland, and because it occasioned great ill-feeling.

The circumstances under which a gun licence had to be obtained in Ireland were very humiliating. No such conditions were in force in England. Before the Act was re-enacted it should be proved that crime existed in Ireland. They knew that there was no crime in the country, and therefore he strongly protested against the Act being included in the Bill.

Mr. MACVEAGH (Down, S.) said he should like to remind the Committee and the Chief Secretary that this Act, when it was first passed, was not intended to be of a permanent character. It was first passed for a period of five years, and had since been renewed from year to year. The Irish Members protested against the perpetuation of the Act, and would continue to protest. Ireland, at the present moment, was the least criminal country on the face of the earth. There was more crime committed in London in one week than in all Ireland in the course of a year; yet there was no similar Act passed for London. Even if the Act were administered impartially, their complaint would not be so great. In the North of Ireland one section of the population was allowed to carry arms, and no effort was made to check it. After a recent Orange mob had been dispersed by the police, a sackful of revolvers was collected. Nobody had ever heard of police raids in search of arms in Orange districts, although it was well known that arms were concealed. Orangemen were allowed to maintain a reign of terror on every Twelfth of July and other occasions. Applications for licences by Nationalists, even when endorsed by a justice of the peace and the leading clergymen of the neighbourhood, were refused. Much had been heard about the new era that was being established in Ireland. The Irish people would be glad to see a new era for the benefit not of the landlords only, but of the community generally, and they would be more convinced of its introduction if the Chief Secretary would frankly accept the fact that there was no crime in Ireland, and acknowledge that there was no possible excuse for the continuance of this Act.

The CHIEF SECRETARY for IRELAND (Mr. Wyndham, Dover) said that for the Peace Preservation Act the Party to which he belonged was not responsible; it had been brought in by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for West Monmonthshire in the year 1881. Exception had been taken to its inclusion in the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, but that, again, could not be laid to the charge of the Unionist Party, it having been first so included by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Montrose.

Mr. DELANY asked why, if he was following the example of those right hon. Gentlemen in this matter, the Chief Secretary did not also adopt their Home Rule policy.

Mr. WYNDHAM, continuing, said that no exception was taken either to the Act or to its inclusion in the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill in the years 1893 or 1894. In subsequent years exception was taken, but no exception was taken last year.

Mr. MACVEAGH: I myself moved its omission last year.

Mr. WYNDHAM said he always looked back at speeches which he had delivered on similar occasions, and he thought the hon. Member must be mistaken.

Mr. MACVEAGH said he was not a Member of the House two years ago, and both on the Second Reading and in Committee last year he opposed the inclusion of this Act.

Mr. WYNDHAM said he had looked up previous discussions, and for last year he drew a blank. He agreed with the justification advanced by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for the Montrose Burghs, viz., that it was not a measure of coercion, that it drew no invidious distinction between Ireland and England, and that it was simply a measure for peace preservation, and it was from that point of view he desired to see the Act continued. In fact, if it were not all but impossible to enact legislation of a novel character, he would say that this Act would be a very good one to extend to England. The indiscriminate sale of arms to people of all ages and pursuits was not one of the greatest blessings of civilisation. If hon. Members were able to show that the provisions of the Act were harshly enforced, that a number of people in Ireland were imprisoned for long periods for possessing arms, they might have a case for its repeal.

MR. MACVEAGH (interrupting) said that he had now looked up *Hansard* for last year, and if the right hon. Gentleman would refer to the debates on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill he would find that he was mistaken in saying that no objection was taken to this Act on that occasion.

MR. WYNDHAM: The right hon. Member will not find a speech of mine.

MR. MACVEAGH: The right hon. Gentleman said that I did not move.

MR. WYNDHAM: Did I make a speech last year on this Amendment?

MR. MACVEAGH: The right hon. Gentleman said we did not bring the matter forward.

MR. WYNDHAM: I said that I did not make a speech of any length on this Amendment. If it could be shown that the Act was harshly administered if, for instance, everybody who applied for a licence was refused, a case might be made out against the Government. But what were the facts? Last year licences were given to 5,863 persons, only 7 per cent. of the applications being refused. It did not appear from that that the Act was administered in an unduly drastic manner. The tribunal of two resident magistrates was put in at the instance of two Members for Ireland—the hon. Member for Louth and the hon. Member for East Mayo—who suggested that it would be a more proper tribunal than one composed of local justices, who might be influenced by local feeling. Whether as regarded the provisions of the Act, the tribunal, or the administration, he did not think anything could be alleged to justify the suggestion that the Act was an invidious one, or in any way insulting to Ireland. Last year only four persons were prosecuted under the Act; all four were convicted, but none were imprisoned, a fine being imposed in each case.

MR. LEAMY (Kildare, N.) referred to *Hansard* to show that the Chief Secretary took part in the debate of last year on the question of the omission of the Peace Preservation Act from the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill. The contention of Nationalists was that if they were free men they were entitled to carry arms, and they denied the right of an English Parliament to prevent them. It was a humiliation to have to go through all this procedure to obtain a licence, especially as the right to carry arms was indiscriminately granted in certain Ulster counties, but denied to Nationalists. Fair play all round should be given, and every respectable decent farmer who required a gun for the protection of his fields ought to be able to have it without undergoing any humiliation whatever. If difficulty was to be placed in the way of obtaining arms, let a beginning be made in England. One good thing about this kind of legislation was that it kept up the Irish national spirit. Ireland was not subdued yet; over and over again she had been beaten down, but the people loved their country as much as ever they did, and would continue to do so. They were not prepared to rise in arms, but they had in their hearts a sentiment which British rule could never kill.

MR. DOOGAN (Tyrone, E.) as an Ulster Member protested against the continuance of this Act, which from his own bitter experience he knew to be very harshly administered. The Chief Secretary had based his remarks upon a speech of the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Montrose, but at any rate that right hon. Gentleman did keep the police under proper control, insist upon impartiality being shown, and so administer the Government of Ireland that there was no encouragement to violence or crime. If the Act were administered impartially there would not be so much objection, but it was not. In his own constituency there was practically no police protection for Nationalists or Roman Catholics. Twice recently had priests been insulted and stoned. The police would neither protect the people, nor allow them to carry arms to protect themselves. It was time the Chief Secretary saw that he was being misled by local bigots furnishing him with inaccurate information. Every free citizen had a right to carry arms, and this Act was retained simply out of love of ascendancy, in order to keep one portion of the kingdom under the heel of another. There was no other country in the world where they had any such law as this. There was very little in all this talk about the necessity of this law in order to preserve peace in Ireland. Respectable people did not break the law, and those who desired to shoot anybody, or break the law, or commit any crime, could easily find an opportunity of doing so even under this law. He appealed to the Chief Secretary to leave this Bill out of the schedule.

Question put.

The Committee divided:—Ayes, 141; Noes, 48. (Division List No. 341.)

AYES.

Agg-Gardner, James Tynte
Anson, Sir William Reynell
Arkwright, John Stanhope
Arnold-Forster, Rt. Hn. Hugh O.
Arrol, Sir Wiliam
Atkinson, Rt. Hon. John
Bagot, Capt. Josceline FitzRoy
Bain, Colonel James Robert
Balcarres, Lord
Balfour, Rt. Hn. A. J. (Manch'r
Balfour, Rt Hn Gerald W. (Leeds
Beach, Rt. Hn. Sir Michael Hicks
Bigwood, James
Bill, Charles
Bingham, Lord
Blundell, Colonel Henry
Boscawen, Arthur Griffith-
Bousfield, William Robert
Brodrick, Rt. Hon. St. John
Bull, William James
Butcher, John George
Carson, Rt. Hon. Sir Edw. H.
Cavendish, V.C.W. (Derbyshire
Cecil, Lord Hugh (Greenwich)
Chamberlain, Rt. Hn. J. A. (Worc
Chapman, Edward
Charrington, Spencer
Cochrane, Hon. Thos. H. A. E
Coghill, Douglas Harry
Colomb, Rt. Hn. Sir John C. R.
Corbett, T. L. (Down, North)
Crossley, Rt. Hon. Sir Savile
Dalkeith, Earl of
Davenport, William Bromley-
Davies, Sir Horatio D. (Chatham
Dickson, Charles Scott
Dimsdale, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph C.
Disraeli, Coningsby Ralph
Doughty, Sir George
Douglas, Rt. Hon. A. Akers-
Duke, Henry Edward
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin
Dyke, Rt. Hon. Sir William Hart
Fergusson, Rt. Hn. Sir J. (Manc'r
Fielden, Edward Brocklehurst
Finch, Rt. Hon. George H.
Finlay, Sir Robert Bannatyne
Firbank, Sir Joseph Thomas
Fisher, William Hayes
Fitzroy, Hn. Edward Algernon
Flannery, Sir Fortescue
Forster, Henry William
Gardner, Ernest
Gibbs, Hon. A. G. H.
Gordon, J. (Londonderry, S.)
Gore, Hon. S. F. Ormsby-
Gray, Ernest (West Ham)
Greene, Henry D. (Shrewsbury)
Greene, W. Raymond-(Cambs.
Gretton, John
Hamilton, Marq of (L'nd'nderry
Haslett, Sir James Horner
Hay, Hon. Claude George
Heath, Arthur Howard (Hanley
Heath, James (Staffords. N.W.
Helder, Augustus
Henderson, Sir A. (Stafford, W
Hermon-Hodge, Sir Robert T.
Hope, J. F. (Sheffield, Brightside
Hozier, Hon. James Henry Cecil
Hudson, George Bickersteth
Hunt, Rowland
Jeffreys, Rt. Hon. Arthur Fred
Kennaway, Rt. Hon. Sir John H.
Keswick, William
Knowles, Sir Lees
Law, Andrew Bonar (Glasgow)
Lawrence, Sir Joseph (Monm'th
Lee, Arthur H. (Hants, Fareham
Legge, Col. Hon. Heneage
Leveson-Gower, Frederick N. S.
Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Long, Col Charles W. (Evesham
Lonsdale, John Brownlee
Lowe, Francis William
Lucas, Col. Francis (Lowestoft)
Lucas Reginald J. (Portsmouth
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. Alfred
Macdona, John Cumming
Maconochie, A. W.
Majendie, James A. H.
Malcolm, Ian
Moon, Edward Robert Pacy
Morgan, David J. (Walthamstow
Morpeth, Viscount
Morton, Arthur H. Aylmer
Mount, William Arthur
Murray, Rt Hn. A. Graham (Bute
Murray, Charles J. (Coventry)
Murray, Col. Wyndham (Bath)
Newdegate, Francis A. N.
Nicholson, William Graham
Palmer, Sir Walter (Salisbury)
Percy, Earl
Pierpoint, Robert
Pilkington, Colonel Richard
Platt-Higgins, Frederick
Plummer, Sir Walter R.
Powell, Sir Francis Sharp
Pretyman, Ernest George
Pryce-Jones, Lt.-Col. Edward
Randles, John S.
Ratcliff, R. F.
Reid, James (Greenock)
Remnant, James Farquharson
Ridley, Hon. M. W. (Stalybridge
Robertson, Herbert (Hackney)
Rolleston, Sir John F. L.
Rollit, Sir Albert Kaye
Round, Rt. Hon. James
Rutherford, W. W. (Liverpool)
Sackville, Col. S. G. Stopford-
Scott, Sir S. (Marylebone, W.)
Sharpe, William Edward T.
Skewes-Cox, Thomas
Smith, Hon. W. F. D. (Strand)
Spear, John Ward
Stanley, Rt. Hon. Lord (Lancs.)
Talbot Rt. Hn. J. G. (Oxf'd Univ.
Taylor, Austin (East Toxteth)
Thornton, Percy M.
Tomlinson, Sir Wm. Edw. M.
Tuff, Charles
Walker, Col. William Hall
Warde, Colonel C. E.
Whitmore, Charles Algernon
Wodehouse, Rt. Hn. E. R. (Bath)
Wrightson, Sir Thomas
Wylie, Alexander
Wyndham, Rt. Hn. George
Wyndham-Quin, Col. W. H.

TELLERS FOR THE AYES—Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes and Viscount Valentia.

NOES.

Abraham William (Cork, N.E.
Benn, John Williams
Blake, Edward
Bright, Allan Heywood
Broadhurst, Henry
Caldwell, James

Causton, Richard Knight
Cremer, William Randal
Delany, William
Devlin, Charles Ramsay (Galway
Doogan, P. C.
Elibank, Master of
Ffrench, Peter
Gladstone Rt. Hn. Herbert John
Grant, Corrie
Griffith, Ellis J.
Guest, Hon. Ivor Churchill
Higham, John Sharpe
Horniman, Frederick John
Jones, David Brynmor (Swansea
Jones, William (Carnarvonshire
Kennedy, P. J. (Westmeath, N
Kilbride, Denis
Layland-Barratt, Francis
Leamy, Edmund
Leigh, Sir Joseph
Lough, Thomas
M'Arthur, William (Cornwall)
M'Killop, W. (Sligo, North)
Murphy, John
Norman, Henry
O'Connor, James (Wicklow, W.
O'Kelly, James (Roscommon, N.
Pease, J. A. (Saffron Walden)
Rickett, J. Compton
Roberts, John H. (Denbighs.)
Shackleton, David James
Spencer, Rt. Hn. C. R. (Northants
Stanhope, Hon. Philip James
Sullivan, Donal
Thomas, David Alfred (Merthyr
Tomkinson, James
Toulmin, George
Tully, Jasper
White, George (Norfolk)
Whitley, J. H. (Halifax)
Whittaker, Thomas Palmer
Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.R.

TELLERS FOR THE NOES—Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Vincent Kennedy.

MR. BROADHURST (Leicester) drew attention to the constant insults to which persons were subjected by the magistrates in petty sessions and Police Courts when they went up to claim exemption under the Vaccination Acts. He wished something could be done, in regard to those magistrates who were so ignorant of the law and disobeyed it, to stop those insults and protect poor people from being treated to this insolent treatment. These poor people when they appeared in Court were so much frightened by lawyers and the police that they could hardly pronounce their words and then they were spoken to sharply and insolently by the magistrates. He wished to know if the Home Secretary would draw the attention of the magistrates of the country to the speech delivered upon this question by the Lord Chief Justice at Birmingham. He thought if it were done it would have a tendency to mitigate the harshness of the treatment meted out to the people who applied for protection under these Acts. He suggested that the Home Secretary next year should bring in an Act enabling applicants for certificates of exemption under the Vaccination Acts to go before a commissioner of oaths and make a statutory declaration, and this would not only save these poor people the loss of wages which they now incurred through having to attend the Court but it would also protect them from the gross ill-treatment and insolence which they were subject to at present. There was no reason why something of this kind could not be done. It would relieve the work of the Police Courts and it would be just as effective as going to the Courts. Not only this, but it would be a great blessing to the poor people of this country. If the Home Secretary would go into this question he thought he would see at once that the appeal he had made to him was based both upon reason and upon justice. He did not propose to move any Amendment upon this point.

MR. GEORGE WHITE (Norfolk, N.W.) supported the appeal which had been made by his hon. friend the Member for Leicester. In his constituency he knew of cases where poor agricultural labourers had had to travel two or three miles and in some cases lose one, two, or three days work in order to make these applications, only to have them refused in the end. When a man stated that he had a conscientious objection to vaccination, and showed it by being willing to lose wages and travel long distances and give evidence in regard to what he believed had been injurious to members of his family he thought that ought to be sufficient, and the magistrates ought not to put themselves in the position of consulting their own consciences instead of the consciences of the applicants. If the Home Secretary would do what had been suggested he would remove what was a crying disgrace in regard to the present administration of the law. It was a great hardship upon the agricultural labourers who very often met with these rebuffs.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT (Mr. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Kent, St. Augustine's) reminded the House that this matter had recently been dealt with by the Lord Chief Justice in some remarks addressed by him to the Grand Jury at Birmingham. The observations made by the Lord Chief Justice were well worth careful study by magistrates, and he had already given instructions that they should be circulated among magistrates' clerks all over the country.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment; read the third time, and passed.

LICENSING BILL.

Lords Amendments considered.

Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 2, line 32, agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 2, line 32, after the word ('purpose') to insert the words (4) 'Any costs incurred by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on an appeal from their decision to the High Court under this section shall, unless the High Court order those costs to be paid by some party to the appeal other than the Commissioners, be paid out of the amount to be paid as compensation.' "

The next Amendment read a second time.

MR. CORRIE GRANT (Warwickshire, Rugby) said he did not see why an entirely new principle in regard to costs should be put into the Bill in this way. Perhaps one of the Law Officers of the Crown would inform the House why the Government proposed to agree with this Amendment.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT (Mr. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Kent, St. Augustine's) said that under Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1894, an appeal was given from the Inland Revenue Commissioners to the High Court, and under Sub-section (3) of that section the costs of the appeal were in the discretion of the High Court, and therefore could be awarded against the Inland Revenue Commissioners. This of course was right as regarded estate duty, inasmuch as the Commissioners of Inland Revenue were interested parties but it was not right in this case, where the Commissioners were mere valuers, and when they were brought in merely to save expense to the parties. In this case the Government thought they should not be liable for costs; but that the costs if not ordered to be paid by other parties should come out of the compensation money.

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 4, line 27, agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 4, line 27, to leave out from the word ('be') to the end of the subsection and insert the words ('allocated to such purposes of public benefit not chargeable to the rates as the confirming authority determine'.)"

The next Amendment read a second time.

*MR. SPEAKER: It is my duty to point out to the House that this Amendment constitutes a substantial breach of the privileges of this House, as it appropriates to purposes different from those prescribed by this House the proceeds of the charges authorised under Section 4 of the Bill.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY (Mr A. J. BALFOUR, Manchester, E.): After your ruling, Mr. Speaker, which is to the effect that this Amendment constitutes a breach of the privileges of the House, I move that we disagree with this Lords Amendment. Personally I have some sympathy with the modification of the clause as it left the House of Commons; but it is quite clear after what you have said from the Chair, that it would be most improper that the matter should be pressed further. I therefore move on behalf of the Government that this Amendment be disagreed with.

Lords Amendment disagreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 4, line 38, after the words ('1874') to insert the words ('(6) On the confirmation of a new on-licence, the confirming authority may, with the consent of the justices authorised to grant the licence, vary any conditions attached to the licence under the provisions of this section.')"

The next Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 5, line 3, to leave out from the word ('them') to the word ('shall') in line 6, and insert the words ('under this section and in a county.')"

The next Amendment amended, and agreed to.

Subsequent Lords Amendments to the Amendment in page 5, line 35, agreed to.

Lords Amendment.

"In page 5, line 35, after the word ('time') to insert the words ('not exceeding fifteen years.')"

The next Amendment read a second time.

Mr. ELLIS GRIFFITH (Anglesey) thought the Amendment introduced a rather important precedent. It was a sort of intimation to quarter sessions that they might borrow for a period of fifteen years. He had two objections to offer. In the first place, the Amendment stereotyped this legislation for a very long period; and secondly, if quarter sessions accepted this intimation and borrowed for fifteen years it was certain that the fund at their disposal would soon be exhausted and all licences would become freehold property during the rest of the period.

***Mr. AKERS-DOUGLAS** said it rested with the Home Secretary under the rules to say the number of years for which money might be borrowed. He was not prepared to make a statement now as to the action the Home Office might take when they came to consider these rules. He proposed to consult with certain chairmen of quarter sessions in the framing of the rules, and he would consult with them as to the time for which the money was to be borrowed within the limits introduced by this Amendment.

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments.

"In page 5, line 38, after the word ('fund') to insert the words ('and of any sums paid in respect of new licences'); in page 5, in line 39, after the word ('session') to insert the words ('and so far as respects sums paid for new licences of the confirming authority.')"

The next Amendments disagreed to.

Remaining Lords Amendments agreed to.

Committee appointed to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

Committee nominated of—Mr. Asquith, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Mr. Whittaker.

Three to be the quorum.

To withdraw immediately.—(*Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*)

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS [REMISSION].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. Lowther (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the remission of a certain Debt due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from the Guardians of the Union of Belmullet, in the county of Mayo, in pursuance of any Act of the present session relating to Local Loans.

Resolution to be reported this day.

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BILL.

Read a second time, and committed for this day.

ISLE OF MAN (CUSTOMS) BILL.

Order read, for resuming adjourned debate on Question [5th August], "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question again proposed.

Mr. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid.) said he objected to the difference which was made in the tobacco duties in the Isle of Man and in this country. Why should not the Isle of Man get the benefit of stripped tobacco? If stripped tobacco were a benefit to the manufacturers in this country, obviously it would also be a benefit to the manufacturers in the Isle of Man. He wished to know the reason for the discrepancy.

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.) asked if the hon. Gentleman would explain why the tea duty was not extended to the Isle of Man. He himself did not wish it extended; but merely wished to know the reason.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY of the TREASURY (Mr. Victor Cavendish, Derbyshire, W.) said there had always been differences in the duties in this country and in the Isle of Man; and, as the House was aware, there were differences at present. It was, however, obvious that it would be for the mutual convenience of this country and the Isle of Man if the duties were equalised as far as possible. That was the object of the Bill; and he would, therefore, ask the House to approve the Resolution.

Question put, and agreed to. Bill read a second time, and committed for to-morrow.

PRISONS (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Read a second time, and committed for to-morrow.

REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment; read the third time and passed.

INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. Lowther (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

Mr. HERBERT ROBERTS (Denbighshire, W.) said he wished to put two or three considerations before the Committee in connection with the Bill. First of all, he wished the Committee to consider the excessive weight of the military element on the Indian Council. There was also the difficulty of introducing an expert on any particular subject. He would ask the Secretary of State to give the Committee some assurance that in future he would only appoint men to the Council who had not only a knowledge of general business matters, but who had experience of India. He also desired to obtain from the Secretary of State an undertaking that he would at all events consider the desirability of appointing at least one Indian representative on the Viceroy's Council. There need be no difficulty in the way. He further hoped that the right hon. Gentleman would be able to promise the appointment of one representative Indian on the Council of the Secretary of State in this country. There could be no possible difficulty in that, as the representative Indian could not possibly have any deciding voice in the decisions to be arrived at; but it would be a concession to Indian opinion which would be much appreciated.

The SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA (Mr. Brodrick, Surrey, Guildford) said the Council of the Governor-General was so small that there would be great difficulty in providing that one Indian should always be upon it. Moreover, the probabilities were that an Englishman would be more likely to possess the confidence of the natives as a whole than any one Indian who could be found.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment. Read the third time, and passed.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION [EXPENSES].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. Lowther (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, and any Expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect.

Resolution to be reported this day.

ARMY COUNCIL BILL [LORDS].

Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[MR. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

MR. LOUGH (Islington, W.) said he understood the noble Lord had no objection to the first sub-section ending at the word "Postmaster-General." It was much better that licences should be obtainable from the Postmaster-General, without reference to the other three Departments, and he moved according.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord STANLEY, Lancashire, Westhoughton) did not think there was any great objection to the alteration. He would make inquiries, and, if possible, omit the words on Report.

MR. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD (Liverpool, West Derby) moved to add the following proviso—"Provided that nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from making or using electrical apparatus for actuating machinery or for any purpose other than the transmission of messages." He pointed out that unless such words were added, the Bill might interfere with enterprise and scientific exploration.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 1, line 10, at end, to add the words 'Provided that nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from making or using electrical apparatus for actuating machinery or for any purpose other than the transmission of messages.'"—(*Mr William Rutherford.*)

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

LORD STANLEY: I agree.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2.

LORD STANLEY said he desired to make it as easy as possible for people to conduct experiments, and he therefore moved to add in line 33 the words "but shall not be subject to any rent or royalty."

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 33, at end, to add the words, 'Where an applicant for a licence satisfies the Postmaster-General that a wireless telegraph station is to be used solely for the transmission of telegrams which are within the first or second exception from the exclusive privilege of transmitting telegrams conferred upon the Postmaster General by the Telegraph Act, 1869, a licence for that purpose, if granted, shall not be subject to any rent or royalty.'"—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"After the last inserted words to add the words, It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, due regard being had to the maintenance and exercise of effective control over wireless telegraphy, to grant special licences at reduced terms for the establishment and working of wireless telegraph stations to be used exclusively for the transmission within the United Kingdom of news to public registered newspapers. A schedule of all reduced rents or royalties imposed by any special licences shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days of the commencement of the session next succeeding the grant of any such licences.'"—(*Sir Walter Plummer.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 36, at end, to add the words, '(3.) His Majesty in Council may order that this

Act shall, subject to any conditions, exceptions, and qualifications contained in the order, apply during the continuance of the order to British ships whilst on the high seas. (4) A person shall not work any apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed on a foreign ship whilst that ship is in territorial waters otherwise than in accordance with regulations made in that behalf by the Postmaster-General, and the Postmaster-General may by any such regulations impose penalties recoverable summarily for the breach of any such regulations not exceeding ten pounds for each offence and may provide for the forfeiture on any such breach of any apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed or worked on such ship. Save as aforesaid nothing in this Act shall apply to the working of apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed on any foreign ship.' "—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, line 38, to leave out the words, 'whilst on the high seas or.' "—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 2, after the last inserted words to add, 'In the application of this Act to Scotland the expression of misdeameanour means crime or offence." (*Mr. A. Graham Murray.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

New clause [Application of Acts to Channel Islands and Isle of Man.]

"In page 2, after Clause 3, to insert the following clause 'In the application of this Act to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man—(1) The lieutenant-governor of the Island of Jersey or the Island of Guernsey, and the governor, lieutenant-governor or deputy-governor of the Isle of Man, as the case may require, shall (except with respect to the grant of licences), be substituted for the Board of Trade; (2) Offences may be prosecuted, fines recovered, proceedings taken, and search warrants issued in such Courts and in such manner as may for the time being be provided in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man by law, or, if no express provision is made, then in and before the Courts and in the manner in which the like offences, fines, proceedings, and warrants may be prosecuted, recovered, taken or issued therein by law, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, and the bailiff or his lieutenant, or any jurat of the Royal Court in the Island of Jersey or the Island of Guernsey, and the Judge or any jurat of the Court of Alderney, and the high bailiff or two justices of the peace in the Isle of Man, shall respectively be substituted for a justice of the peace.' "—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Brought up, and read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New clause [Duration of Act].

"After the clause last inserted, to insert the following clause 'This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and six, and no longer, unless Parliament otherwise determines.' "—(*Lord Stanley.*)

Brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the clause be read a second time."

MR. WILLIAM McARTHUR (Cornwall, St. Austell) moved to substitute July for September, in order that when the Act came up for reconsideration it should be brought forward at a period of the session when its principle could be properly discussed.

Amendment proposed, to the proposed clause—

"In line 1, to leave out the word 'September,' and nsert the word 'July.' "—(*Mr. William McArthur.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Bill reported, as amended, to be considered to morrow, and to be printed. [Bill 303.]

ALKALI, ETC., WORKS BILL.

Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

As amended (by the Standing Committee), considered.

Amendment proposed to the Bill—

"In Clause 13, page 5, line 35, at end of clause to add the words, 'except when such verification and stamping take place on the premises of a glass or earthenware manufacturer, in which case such adequate and reasonable allowance as may be agreed upon by the local authority, with the consent of the Board of Trade, may be made in respect of such use or assistance as aforesaid.' "—(*Mr. Bousfield.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL [LORDS].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed—

Clause 1—

"In page 2, line 1, to leave out the words 'has been.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 4, line 18, after the word 'Act,' to insert the words 'or in The Employment of Children Act, 1903, or any bye-law made thereunder.' In page 4, line 36, to leave out from beginning of line to the word 'whether,' in line 39, and insert the words 'It shall be the duty of inspectors and other officers charged with the execution of The Employment of Children Act, 1903, to see.' In page 4, line 40, after the word 'inspector,' to insert the words 'or officer.' "In page 5, line 2, after the word 'inspector,' to insert the words 'appointed under The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.' In page 5, lines 3 and 4, to leave out the words 'sixty-eight of the same Act,' and insert the words 'one hundred and nineteen of that Act, and that section shall apply accordingly.' In page 5, lines 14 and 15, to leave out the words 'not less than ten days after the granting of the licence,' and insert the word 'forthwith.' In page 5, lines 15 and 16, to leave out the words 'inspector of factories and workshops acting,' and insert the words 'local authority.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 5, line 21, at end, to insert the words 'as amended by any later enactment.' " —(*Mr. H. D. Greene.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 5, line 27, after the first word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 5, line 32, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 6, line 11, after the word 'the, to insert the word 'First.' In page 6, line 24, after the word 'the' to insert the word 'First.' In page 6, lines 34 and 35, to leave out the words 'committal for trial or.' In page 6, line 35, after the word 'person,' to insert the words "and in case of conviction for such further time not exceeding twenty-one days as the court may direct.' In page 6, line 38, to leave out the words 'parochial boards,' and insert the words 'parish councils.' In page 6, line 41, after the word 'constable,' to insert the words 'or any person authorised by a justice of the peace.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to,

Clause 6.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 7, line 9, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 7, line 20, to leave out the second word 'or,' and to insert the word 'including.' In page 7, line 23, to leave out the words 'society or body.'" --(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 6, as amended agreed to.

Clause 7.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 9, line 9, after the word 'may,' to insert the words 'in any case where there is any pension or income payable to such parent and capable of being attached, after giving the person by whom the pension or income is payable an opportunity of being heard.' " "In page 9, line 10, to leave out the word 'any' and to insert the word 'the';" "In page 9, line 10, to leave out the words 'payable to such parent.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 10, line 7, to leave out the words 'under this Act.' In page 10, line 9, at end, to insert the words 'and the provisions of Section 6 of this Act, shall, as far as applicable, apply as if the order were an order under that section.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 9, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 10, line 28, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 10, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 11, line 30, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 11, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 12, line 31, after the third word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' " — (*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 13, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 13, line 13, after the first word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' " — (*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended agreed to.

Clause 15.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 13, line 32, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' " — (*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to,

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 14, line 24, after the first word 'the' to insert the word 'First.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 16, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 14, line 32, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 14, line 32, after the second word 'Act,' to insert the words 'or any offence under the Employment of Children Act, 1903.' In page 14, line 35, after the word 'Act,' to insert the words 'and The Employment of Children Act, 1903.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 17, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 14, line 38, after the second word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 15, line 12, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' In page 15, line 18, after the word 'the,' to insert the word 'First.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 18, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 19 and 20 agreed to.

Clause 21.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 15, line 37, to leave out the words 'parochial board,' and insert the words 'parish council.' "—(*The Lord Advocate.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 21, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 22.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 16, line 5, to leave out from the word 'be,' to the end of clause, and insert the words 'made by the same authority and confirmed in the same way as bye-laws under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, or in Scotland as bye-laws under Section 2. of the said Act.' "—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 22, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 16, line 27, to leave out from the word 'child,' to the word 'and' in line 29.'"—(*Mr. Caldwell.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 23, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 28 agreed to.

Clause 29.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 17, line 32, to leave out from the word 'authority,' to end of line 38, and insert the words 'has the same meaning as in The Employment of Children Act, 1903.'" —(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 29, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 30.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 18, line 25, to leave out from the word 'means,' to end of line 30, and insert the words 'the local authority for the purposes of section two of The Employment of Children Act, 1903, as defined in sub-section four of section fourteen of that Act, and the provisions of the said sub-section shall apply accordingly.'"—(*The Lord Advocate.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 30, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 31.

Amendment proposed—

"In page 19, line 10, to leave out from the word 'means,' to end of clause, and insert the words 'any local authority as defined by The Employment of Children Act, 1903.'"—(*Mr. H. D. Greene.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 31, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 32.

Amendments proposed—

"In page 19, line 27, to leave out the words 'Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894,' and insert the words 'enactments mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act.'" In page 19, line 28, at end, to insert the words 'to the extent specified in the third column to that schedule.' In page 19, line 30, to leave out the word 'August,' and insert the word 'October.'"—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 32, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause [Expenses of Local Authority]

"Expenses incurred by a local authority under this Act shall be defrayed in like manner as expenses incurred under The Employment of Children Act, 1903."—(*Mr. Cochrane.*)

Brought up, and read the first and second times, and added to the Bill.

Bill reported; as amended, to be considered this day.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) [EXPENSES].

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain Expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland.

Resolution to be reported to-morrow.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) BILL [LORDS].

Committee deferred till this day.

LICENSING BILL.

Reasons for disagreeing to certain of the Lords Amendments reported and agreed to.

To be communicated to the Lords.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Friday, 12*th August*, 1904.

SAT FIRST.

The Lord Braybrooke sat first in Parliament after the death of his father.

PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill. Read 3ª (according to order), and passed.

Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [H.L.]; Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [H.L.]. Returned from the Commons, agreed to.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; London County Council (General Powers) Bill; Carlisle Corporation Bill. Returned from the Commons with the Amendments agreed to.

Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill. Message from the Commons that they concur in the Resolution of this House, communicated to them on Tuesday last, on the subject of the Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

TRANSVAAL.

Further correspondence relating to labour in the Transvaal mines (in continuation of [Cd. 2015], [Cd. 2026], and [Cd. 2104]).

MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOSS OF LIFE).

Return showing the lives lost by wreck, drowning, or other accident in British seagoing merchant ships registered in the United Kingdom, during the years 1891 to 1903, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [Cd. 1690]).

HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS (ROYAL COMMISSION).

Report on the manuscripts of J. B. Fortescue, Esq., preserved at Dropmore. Vol. IV.

Presented (by Command), and ordered to lie on the Table.

FORESHORES.

Treasury Minute, dated 12th August, 1904, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade, in the year ended 31st March, 1904, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the foreshores of the United Kingdom. Laid before the House (pursuant to Act), and ordered to lie on the Table.

LICENSING BILL.

Returned from the Commons with several of the Amendments agreed to; one other agreed to, with an Amendment; and several others disagreed to with a reason for such disagreement. The said Amendment and reason to be considered To-morrow.

EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE BILL.

Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Marquess of Lansdowne). (No. 195.)

REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Kintore (*E. Kintore*)). (No. 196.)

INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Earl of Hardwicke). (No. 197.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

Brought from the Commons; read 1ª; to be printed; and to be read 2ª To-morrow (The Lord Wolverton). (No. 198.)

LOCAL RECORDS BILL [H.L.]

The LORD PRIVY SEAL (The Marquess of SALISBURY): My Lords, even at this late period of the session I beg to present a Bill and to ask your Lordships to read it a first time, though it is, of course, only for the purpose of having it printed and circulated. This is a Bill for the better custody of local records, and it is one in which a good many gentlemen of great influence and

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importance are interested. The Bill is the outcome of the Report of a Departmental Committee appointed mainly at the instance of the late Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London. This Committee inquired into the subject and found that there was no system at all for the safe custody of local records, and that there was danger of their being lost or damaged by fire. They therefore urged that some steps ought to be taken to enable local authorities to take proper care of them. This Bill is the outcome of that Report, and it would be well if it were printed and circulated so that it might be considered by those interested in the subject. I therefore trust your Lordships will give it a First Reading.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 1ª."—(*The Marquess of Salisbury.*)

On Question, Bill read 1ª; and to be printed. (No. 194.)

POST OFFICE SITES BILL.

[Second Reading.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Marquess of Londonderry.*)

*The ACTING-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (Lord Balfour of Burleigh): My Lords, I am obliged to detain the House for a moment to say a few words upon this Bill, because it comes up in rather peculiar circumstances. The Bill is one of that class of measure which is called a Hybrid Bill. In other words, it has to go through the procedure necessary for public Bills, but, as it affects private interests, it has also to go through some of the procedure of a private Bill, so that in this House and in the other House a certain number of days have to elapse between the First Reading and before the time for petitioning expires. This Bill gives power to take property compulsorily in several large communities for the service of the Post Office. The notices were served last year at the proper time. The procedure in the other House, so far as petitioning, was gone through, but, owing to the public Bill part of the procedure, the Bill was subject to discussion in the other House, and several blocking notices were put down at various times in its career. The fact, therefore, is this, that unless Standing Order No. 93 is suspended this Bill cannot become law.

The compulsory provisions of the Bill apply to eight sites, four in the County of London and four in the country, and in some cases it is absolutely impossible to acquire these sites without compulsory power. I have gone into it very carefully with the Postmaster-General and the officers of the Post Office; and I am satisfied that in regard to this Bill there is no chance of injustice being done. Ample notice has been given to the persons concerned, and none of them have shown any indication to oppose. The time would not naturally expire in this House till next week, but they have had eight or nine months, and no appearance of opposition has been given to the Post Office, nor was there any appearance in the other House. But I am bound to tell your Lordships that if Standing Order No. 93 is suspended it will be the first time, so far as I know, that this particular Standing Order has ever been suspended. Its suspension has been objected to by successive Chairmen of Committees. The present Chairman of Committees, Lord Morley, objected in two cases quite recently, and all compulsory powers in those Bills were struck out. One was in regard to the purchase of lands adjacent to the National Gallery, but there is this peculiarity in this case, that although we believe, and are assured, there is no opposition, some of the properties are held under trusts and under conditions which prevent the owners giving consent without the compulsory powers to take and expropriate.

The choice we have is this, we can either stop this Bill and prevent the Post Office getting these eight sites, which I am told are urgently required in the public interest, or we can suspend the Standing Order. I have come to the conclusion, so far as I am concerned, that the latter serious step may be taken. I think it right in the very special circumstances to take it. I am the last to wish to interpose the observances of a merely technical rule if thereby the public interest suffers, and I think that in this case undoubtedly the public interest would suffer; but I feel that in the temporary position which I hold I am incurring a certain amount of responsibility, and I could not agree to this without telling the House fully the state of matters. I sincerely hope that this will not be regarded as a precedent. I have even hesitation in having gone as far as I have in recommending your Lordships to suspend this Standing Order; but upon the whole I think it would be a right and proper thing to do in the special and very exceptional circumstances. Therefore, I recommend your Lordships to agree to the suspension of the Standing Order.

THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (The Marquess of LONDONDERRY): My Lords, I fully recognise the cogent reasons which have been put forward by the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees why this should not be considered a precedent. If a Bill of this kind is delayed in passing it may be the means, not only of causing very great inconvenience to the general public in those towns and districts affected, but of preventing the Post Office obtaining at the moment buildings which are absolutely necessary in the interests of the public service. I am convinced that in this case there is no injustice to any section of the community. I endorse all that has fallen from the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees. I trust your Lordships will read the Bill a second time, and that the suspension of the Standing Order in this case may not be handed down as a precedent.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: My Lords, if the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees had taken objection to the suspension of the Standing Order in this case, I should undoubtedly have supported him; but I have that confidence in my noble friend to believe that he sees distinctly that consistently with the general principles which guide us in these matters, and in the very peculiar circumstances of this case, no mischief will be done to the parties interested or to others by the suspension of this Standing Order. My noble friend said he hoped this would not be made a precedent. I have heard that statement made very often, and I am afraid it is of very little use; but, so far as it may be of any use, I join in saying that I trust this will not be made a precedent.

On Question, Bill read 2^a. Then Standing Order No. 93 considered (according to order) and dispensed with. Committee negatived; Bill read 3^a, and passed.

HOUSE OF LORDS OFFICES.

Second Report of the Select Committee considered (according to order).

Moved to agree to the following paragraph, "The Committee, having had under consideration the relations of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to the House of Lords, have adjourned the further consideration thereof to the first meeting of the Committee in the next session of Parliament."—(*Lord Balfour of Burleigh.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

*LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH: The second paragraph was the subject of some difference of opinion in the Committee, and I would appeal to the noble Duke behind me not to press it.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND: My Lords, the second paragraph to whch the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees has referred is as follows—

> "The Committee recommend, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty begging respectfully to inform His Majesty in connection with the vacancy in the Office of Black Rod, that the relations of Black Rod to this House are under the consideration of the House."

I am afraid I cannot accede to the request of the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees not to move this, although I confess I feel very strongly that some explanation is due from me in the matter The fact is, when I went into the Committee-room yesterday I knew very little about the subject-matter under discussion, but it seemed to be the wish of the majority of the Committee to adopt the paragraph which your Lordships have just agreed to. During the discussion I ventured to suggest that if that were done it would be desirable that His Majesty should be informed that the House had deferred the consideration of certain topics in connection with the Office of Black Rod until next session. It seemed to me that that was but respectful to His Majesty. I acted, I confess, somewhat on the principle of doing as one would be done by. Had I been in His Majesty's place I should have wished to be informed of what was being done by this House in such a matter. Many noble Lords appeared to agree with me, and when the preceding paragraph was adopted by the Committee they assisted me in drawing up the second paragraph, which was put from the Chair and carried. I certainly thought this recommendation would be moved with the rest of the Report by the Chairman of the Committee, but the noble Lord has felt himself unable to adopt that course. As I cannot run away from the Motion moved in Committee, I now move it in the House, and I hope your Lordships will take into consideration the circumstances in which I move it. I am entirely in your Lordships' hands. I do not wish to press the Resolution, but I think His Majesty should be informed that the House has deferred the consideration of the matter till next session.

Moved, to agree to the following paragraph : "The Committee recommend, "That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty begging respectfully to inform His Majesty in connection with the vacancy in the Office of Black Rod, that the relations of Black Rod to this House are under the consideration of the House." —(*The Duke of Northumberland.*)

*LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH: My Lords, I think there may be some slight misunderstanding in this matter. The whole relation of Black Rod to the House has been under discussion at various times, and it is not so much as to the contents of the Motion that I venture to say anything, and most certainly not as to His Majesty being informed of any opinion which this House holds in regard to a matter which is entirely His Majesty's prerogative. But this particular form of Motion would, as I understand it, require a special and formal presentation by the Lords with White Staves, and a formal answer. There was this precedent set when another matter was under discussion entirely in the King's prerogative—namely, on that occasion when the noble Earl the present Leader of the Opposition undertook to ask for an audience to explain to His Majesty, in a less formal way than the way indicated in the Motion now before your Lordships, the feeling which existed in the House on the matter. It seems to me that the wiser course in this case would be that some noble Lord, either the noble and learned Lord on the Woolsack, the Lord Chamberlain, or myself, should undertake to seek an audience of His Majesty and explain in that way what the feeling of your Lordships on the matter is. I again ask the noble Duke, in the circumstances, to withdraw the particular paragraph under discussion, so that the communication may be made in the way I have suggested.

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN: I venture to think, after the statement which has been made by the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees, that the object of the noble Duke has already been attained. His object is that His Majesty should be informed of what occurred yesterday, and the reason for the decision which was come to. Speaking as a member of that Committee, I can say that there was no idea whatever of interfering in the slightest degree with the prerogative of the Crown; but it was felt that if there were any matters to be considered with regard to the relations of this Office to the House, they should be considered after deliberation, and in order that there might be sufficient time for that, and for other reasons, it was thought desirable that the consideration of the subject should be postponed till the early part of the next session of Parliament.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND: I am entirely in the hands of the House. If the House considers that the course suggested would be the best one, I should be quite willing to agree to it, but I should like to have the matter more definitely stated than it has been by Lord Balfour. I think the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chamberlain, or the Acting Chairman of Committees should personally undertake that such a communication will be made to His Majesty. I would suggest that one of them should undertake to ask leave to approach His Majesty to make the communication.

The LORD CHANCELLOR (The Earl of Halsbury): I have no objection to giving such an undertaking.

The Marquess of RIPON: I think the suggestion of the noble Lord the Acting Chairman of Committees would be the best in the circumstances. I would therefore suggest that the Lord Chancellor should undertake to communicate the decision personally to His Majesty.

The Earl of HALSBURY: I will do that.

On Question, resolved in the negative, and the said paragraph disagreed to.

SHOP HOURS BILL.

[Second Reading.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Lord BELPER: My Lords, in asking your Lordships to give this Bill a Second Reading, I do not think it will be necessary for me to go at any length into the arguments in favour of the Bill, or the provisions contained in it; for this reason, that your Lordships' House has a very intimate acquaintance with the questions raised by this Bill. Last year a measure was passed through all its stages in this House containing practically the same features as this Bill. The House may remember that four years ago my noble friend Lord Avebury, who has taken a very keen interest in this subject, and may be said to be the father of this Bill, introduced the question to your Lordships' House. His proposals were not then accepted, and a Committee of the House of Lords was appointed and sat in 1901 to consider the whole matter. That Committee made a strong Report urging the necessity of dealing with this question, but recommending a change in the mode of procedure under the Bill. Last session two Bills were introduced, one by my noble friend Lord Ribblesdale and the other by the noble Lord opposite, Lord Avebury; and on that occasion Lord Avebury's Bill, which contained the same provisions, was accepted and read a second time.

I would remind your Lordships what those provisions are. Power is given to the local authorities to make closing orders, which have to be confirmed by the central authority. The closing order may fix the hours on the various days of the week throughout their area at which shops must be closed, but not earlier than 7 o'clock on ordinary days, and on one day in the week not earlier than 1 o'clock. Whenever the local authority are satisfied that a case has been made out for such an order, they have to take the opinion of the district, and if there is a majority of at least two-thirds of the shopkeepers affected in favour of the order, they may make it. The order has to be confirmed by the central authority, who in this case is a Secretary of State, and it is also laid down in the Bill that the closing order shall be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as it has been confirmed, and that if an Address is presented to His Majesty asking that the order may be cancelled, His Majesty in Council may annul the order, and the order so annulled becomes void. These are practically the provisions of the Bill which your Lordships passed last year.

With regard to the local authority, there is a small alteration. The local authority in that case was the county council in all counties and the county council in London. Under the present Bill the local authority includes urban councils where the population is over 20,000. The authority in London is also altered from the county council to the borough councils, who, it is thought, from their local knowledge, may be able to carry out the Act in a more satisfactory manner than the county council, which has a much larger area to deal with. The other alterations are not material. There are exceptions made to the operation of the Bill in the case of certain trades, which will be found in the schedule. They are practically the same as before. The Bill is, however, in a somewhat different form from what it was originally. It is differently drafted, but the main features of the Bill are the same as those which your Lordships have previously agreed to.

That would be all that it would be necessary for me to state were it not for the fact that the noble Earl, Lord Wemyss, has a notice on the Paper that he intends to move an Amendment to the Second Reading, declaring that, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with its dignity and character as a deliberative and legislative Assembly, that a Bill should be submitted to it in the last days of the session that interferes with trade, and, for the first time in modern legislation, limits the working hours of full-grown men. Let me say at once that no one regrets more than I do that this Bill has to be considered at such a late period of the session. Personally, I should have been very glad if it could have been introduced into your Lordships' House at an early period and then sent down to the House of Commons; but, at all events, I may say this, that if there is any measure the introduction of which at a late period of the session does not make much difference, it is this Bill, which your Lordships have fully considered on previous occasions, and to which both sides of the House have given their assent.

With regard to the objection to the Bill that it interferes with trade, I would only say that the interference will be safeguarded by being in the hands of the councils representing the ratepayers and the traders themselves. I agree with the noble Earl that the Bill is a serious interference with the working hours of full-grown men. The Bill is necessary, because it is proved by the statistics which my noble friend Lord Avebury has laid before the House that shopkeepers have done all they can to arrange the earlier closing of shops by voluntary means, and have failed for the simple reason that two or three shopkeepers in a locality can defeat the whole object. An overwhelming majority of the shopkeepers interested have declared that it is necessary in order that they may have shorter hours that some legislation should be passed dealing with the subject. There is a rather curious incident with regard to the contention that this Bill limits the working hours of full-grown men. I understand that in the other House a very well-known Baronet, who is a great authority on labour questions, actually voted against the Second Reading on the ground that the Bill did not interfere with the hours of adult labour. He was strongly of opinion that the Bill ought to have gone further than it did, and he refused to give his sanction to the measure on the ground, openly stated, that it did not interfere with the hours of adult labour.

*THE EARL OF WEMYSS: Who was that?

LORD BELPER: Sir Charles Dilke. I leave my noble friend to settle with the right hon. Baronet whether this Bill does or does not limit the working hours of full-grown men; but I think it is a curious coincidence that in one House the Bill should be opposed on exactly the opposite grounds to those on which it was opposed in the other House. I hope your Lordships will recognise the necessity, which has been stated over and over again, for passing some measure of this sort. This Bill fully guards the interests of all concerned, and there are such reasonable provisions that they prevent any injustice being done or any order being made unless it is clearly the wish of the great majority of the shopkeepers themselves and also of the council of the particular district that it should be made. I hope your Lordship will excuse the fact that the Bill has come forward at such a late period of the session when it cannot be given the same consideration that it would have received if introduced earlier; but, at all events, we can say that this is a Bill about which your Lordships know everything, and therefore I hope the House will be inclined, not only to give it a Second Reading, but to allow it to pass through all its stages to-day.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^a."—(*Lord Belper.*)

*THE EARL OF WEMYSS: My Lords, those of your Lordships who happened to be in the House yesterday will recall the fact that when the noble Marquess the Leader of the House proposed the suspension of the Standing Order to enable the Government to pass any Bill they chose through all its stages at one sitting, I entered a protest against legislation being passed in that way at the fag end of the session. I anticipated that we might have measures containing serious principles, such as this one does. There is another one to come on later, upon which I shall also have something to say, namely, the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill, which is a very important measure affecting the administration of outdoor relief. I am not going to trouble your Lordships with a speech on this occasion. I have often spoken upon this subject, and I am perfectly content to rest my case on the fact that the Bill has been brought forward at this late period of the session and can only become law by the suspension of the Standing Order. It cannot by any possibility be discussed, and by bringing forward a Bill which cannot possibly be discussed you are lowering this House in the estimation of the public. I may say that I have amended the Motion which stands in my name. It will now read in this form—

> "To move to resolve, That, in the opinion of this House it is inconsistent with its dignity and position as a deliberative and legislative Assembly, that a Bill should be submitted to it, in the last days of the session, that interferes with trade in streets as well as shops, and for the first time in modern legislation limits the working hours of full-grown men."

My noble friend stated that Sir Charles Dilke holds the view that the Bill does not interfere with the working hours of full-grown men. If full-grown men, instead of being able to work till eight or nine o'clock if they choose, are turned out of the shops at seven o'clock that is an interference with their power of working and of earning wages. I say deliberately, that this is the first time in modern legislation that Parliament has been asked, manifestly and clearly, to interfere with the working hours of full-grown men.

I hold that in a land of liberty, though this is not the view, I know, of the trade unions, a man should be able to work as long as he likes, for whom he likes, and for what wages he likes, and if he cannot do that, our boasted liberty is gone. We know what the small end of the wedge is in legislation. There is not one of your Lordships who is not suffering at the present moment from the land legislation which was passed originally for Ireland under so-called exceptional circumstances, but which soon spread to Scotland and England. Instead of taking as a warning what goes on in our Colonies, you are taking it as an example. Do your Lordships know the extent to which State interference with labour has gone in New Zealand? I should like to know how my noble friend Lord Avebury would like to have the hours of labour in his household laid down as they are in New Zealand. I am inclined to think that in your Lordships' households seven o'clock, the hour fixed in this Bill, is not the hour at which business is stopped. I am told that in New Zealand cooking is forbidden on Sundays, and that the only place in New Zealand where you can get a hot dinner on a Sunday is Government House. I point to these things to show how this legislation grows.

This Bill interferes with trade and will add to the difficulties of trade. It shuts up all shops at seven o'clock. It shuts up the great establishments like Harrods' Stores and Marshall & Snelgrove's. They, I believe, are in favour of this Bill. But the Bill also shuts up the small shop of the widow, and of a man and his wife, who employ nobody; and I say, my Lords, in a free country that that is monstrous. It does more than that. Indirectly it sweeps the streets of all trading barrows. I am sure it is unnecessary for me to state what a convenience the barrow trade is to working men and others who have to buy their provisions late in the evening. Well, all that is done away with by this Bill. I venture to think it is unjust that through the coercion of the great stores and the large tradesmen the small trading community should suffer, and the public should be put to this great inconvenience. I enter my protest against this special legislation and the want of principle that pervades it. At the bottom of it all is fishing for votes. Humanity is all very well, but votes are much more important than humanity. I regret that His Majesty's Government should have considered it necessary to suspend the Standing Order, thereby making this House ridiculous as a deliberative and legislative Assembly, and to force this Bill through all its stages in one sitting. I have entered my protest, and I now beg to submit my Amendment to the favourable consideration of your Lordships.

Amendment moved—

> "To leave out all the words after the word 'That,' for the purpose of inserting the following words, viz.: 'in the opinion of this House it is

inconsistent with its dignity and position as a deliberative and legislative assembly, that a Bill should be submitted to it, in the last days of the session, that interferes with trade in streets as well as shops, and for the first time in modern legislation limits the working hours of full-grown men.' "—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

*LORD AVEBURY: My Lords, I hope the House will not agree to the Amendment moved by my noble friend. My noble friend's description is really a travesty of the Bill. I deny that the Bill interferes with trade or with adult labour. All who are really interested in this Bill desire that it should become law.

THE EARL OF WEMYSS: What! All the little widows who keep shops?

*LORD AVEBURY: Under the Bill the small shops will determine the hours of closing; it is not so much the large shopkeepers as the small shopkeepers who need this Bill, for the large shopkeepers can leave the late work to their assistants. But the shopkeepers all over the country are in favour of this Bill. The only objection some of them have to the measure is that it does not go far enough. Some of the provisions intended as safeguards I should have been glad to see omitted. They are cumbersome and unnecessary and may introduce difficulties. I regret also that as regards London the borough councils have been substituted for the county council, not that I have not every confidence in the borough councils, but their intersecting boundaries will create a difficulty where one side of a street is in one borough and the other in an adjoining borough. At this period of the session I feel that it is impossible to propose Amendments, and I have confidence that if in this case difficulties arise, if some of the so-called safeguards prove to create unnecessary delay, friction and expense, His Majesty's Government will introduce an amending Bill in another session.

But though not altogether in the form that had been wished, and though encumbered with some unnecessary provisions, this is a most excellent measure, and will do great good. It may seem a paradox, but I believe the measure will do good even where it is not actually put into force. At present it happens over and over again that while the great majority of shopkeepers agree and are anxious to close at a reasonable hour, two or three obstinate men resist the wishes of all their neighbours. At present no pressure can be put upon them, but henceforth they can be told, "Well, if you will not agree we shall appeal to the local authority," and this in many cases will be effective. The measure will confer an immense boon on our towns and cities, and bring much happiness into the lives of the shopkeeping community, in whose name I thank the Government, and especially my noble friend Lord Belper in this House, and the Home Secretary and Mr. Cochrane who had charge of the Bill in the other House. The noble Earl said the Bill ought to receive more consideration at your Lordships' hands. I cannot help reminding him that it has been before the House of Commons twenty-five years, that it has several times passed its Second Reading, that it has been before three Select Committees, that it has twice passed through Grand Committee, and that during all this time there has been no opposition to it from the classes in whose name my noble friend claims to speak. I therefore trust your Lordships will give it a Second Reading.

*THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: My Lords, I am in favour of the Bill, and will not, therefore, vote for the Amendment of my noble friend, but I do feel considerable sympathy with the protest against the passing of so many measures by the suspension of the Standing Orders. I think this has happened to a greater extent this session than at any period I can recollect. I do not wish to bring any particular accusation against those who now sit on the Government Bench. It is a long time since I sat there, but I can recollect the Conservative Party's eloquent denunciation of Liberal Governments, whose peculiar wickedness it was supposed to be to do these things. I am not sorry that the Conservative Party should have an opportunity of realising the pressure which is put on members of a Government in this House to take such steps. Another reason for not speaking too strongly on this matter is one of prudence—the prudence probably of an old man. The Party opposite has been in office now for a great many years. There naturally might occur a change, and when I look at the symptoms of the present day and recall some recent by-elections, I am bound to say that I think the country is evidently a little tired of the present Government, and that it is not altogether impossible that the Liberal Party may ere long find themselves on the opposite side of the House, and in that event I do not wish to create an inconvenient precedent. I wish to be quite frank about the matter.

I have two suggestions to make, one of which no doubt could be carried out by any Government, the other could only be carried out by a Conservative Government. My first suggestion is this. Government Bills are kept on the Order Paper of the House of Commons long after it is quite clear that they have no chance of passing. I venture to suggest that if the Order Paper were cleared earlier of such Bills, and what is called the "massacre of the innocents" took place in the month of June, by which time the Government must know the Bills which they cannot pass, I think there would be a chance of surviving Bills coming up to your Lordships' House earlier. This suggestion, as I have said, could be carried out by any Government. My second suggestion is one which a Liberal Government could not carry out, but one which might be carried out by a Conservative Government, and I have wondered why it has never been done of late years. It is that more Bills should be originated in this House. A Liberal Government could not do that, because their Bills, if introduced in this House, would be cut into ribbons by the vast Conservative majority here, and would be passed on to the House of Commons in a condition in which their authors would not know them. Obviously, no Liberal Minister could take such a foolish step as to introduce an important Bill in this House; but the Party opposite, whose majority seem to be very obedient and easily managed, might frequently initiate Bills in this House, which procedure would give us useful occupation at that time of the session when we might just as well go into the country and have no sittings at all for any good we do. It would also afford to this House an opportunity for fully considering a number of Bills which at the present moment come up to us at the end of the session in these unsatisfactory circumstances. I do not blame noble Lords opposite for the state of things complained of. I attribute it to bad management in the House of Commons. The management in the House of Commons has not been successful, and it is the result of that bad management that these Bills come up at this time.

*LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH: My Lords, this discussion, which I suppose is intended to be on the Amendment of the noble Earl, has been of a rather wide character; not, perhaps, unusually wide for the lax rules under which we do our business here; but some of the observations which have been made tempt me to say a few words on this subject. The noble Marquess made two suggestions. I am not sure that either of the suggestions he threw out will meet the difficulty. At any rate, one of them has been frequently tried. If more Bills were originated in this House, I am afraid there is no security they would receive great attention in the other House. It has been often tried. I tried it myself during my tenure of office, and the noble and learned Earl on the Woolsack has also tried it. The noble and learned Earl would be able to tell your Lordships that year after year Bills which he thought necessary in the legal interests of the country have been passed through the House, but have not met with any favour in another place. Then, with regard to the proposal to have what is called the "massacre of the innocents" at an earlier period, I am afraid that that might make the difficulty even greater than it is at the present time, because those whose measures had been massacred might join in bringing pressure on the Government not to pass those which had temporarily survived, and enmity might be created instead of diminished.

The noble Marquess, it seemed to me, spoke of this matter rather too much as one of controversy or at least of comparison between one Government and another. I think it is quite possible that both sides are in fault and have succumbed to temptation. I remember being partly responsible with the Government of which I was then a member in passing a Factory Bill through this House with great rapidity at the end of the session, and that was by no means an uncontroversial measure. I think it is not the interest of this or any Government, but the interest of the House itself that is at stake. I know there are great difficulties in managing the business in another place. There are a large number of Members there who desire to speak, and they have a great deal of business to get through. Indeed, no one can deny that the other House is overweighted with work, and the difficulty, I am afraid, is not a temporary one. Our grievance here is that we have nothing to do for many of the early months of the session, and that we have so much to do in the last few weeks that we cannot really do it.

In my humble opinion the remedy is to be found in the introduction of the system which is sometimes applied to private Bills, namely, to carry over Bills which have passed the stage of Second Reading from one session to another. I am aware that there are objections to that, but it is a matter which in the interests of this House we ought to insist on being done. For instance, what harm would accrue to any public interest if the particular Bill which is the subject of discussion at this moment were carried over till the beginning of next session. The suggestion I make is not applicable to all Bills. It is not applicable to money Bills or Bills required for the public service. There are some Bills on the Paper which will be passed through all their stages at one sitting and to which I offer no objection; but just look at some of the others. There is the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill, which is not uncontroversial. The Shop Hours Bill is certainly not wholly uncontroversial. The noble Lord who represents the Government in this matter may minimise the controversy upon it, and the noble Lord who is its godfather may say it is universally accepted. I believe there is a misapprehension about that. It was introduced first of all in the interests of shop assistants, and next in the interests of shopkeepers.

*LORD AVEBURY: I beg the noble Lord's pardon. I have always been supported by the shopkeepers, and I have said so from the beginning.

*LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH: The argument as to assistants has certainly been used by some. As to the principle of this Bill, I think it will inflict a great injustice on small shopkepers if it is passed. No one is injured by permitting these peope to sit in their back parlours reading the newspapers whilst waiting for a customer after the large shops in the districts have closed. The insistence of the larger shopkeepers in shutting up all shops is to my mind a cruel injustice, and I have no hesitation in saying so. The Shop Hours Bill has not even been circulated to your Lordships and we are told that it is very differently drafted from the Bill which has already been before the House. Copies of the Bill were not accessible until your Lordships came down to the House this afternoon.

Then take the other Bills. They include the Weights and Measures Bill, the Reformatory Schools in Scotland Bill, and a number of others. I ask your Lordships what public interest would be damnified if these Bills were carried over from one session to another and discussed fairly and properly at the beginning of another session? No interest whatever would suffer. There are, I know, some objections to it, but the fact of the matter is this. If this House desires to preserve its character as a legislative Assembly, more of its Members must remain during August or enough must stay to say they will not stand the treatment. In other words, until the House goes on strike no attention will be paid to its complaints. I should be sorry to threaten reprisals in the event of such a change happenng as the noble Marquess opposite seemed to contemplate, but I say this is a matter largely for the House itself. If it had not been for the notice standing in the name of the noble Earl I had intended putting on the Paper a notice to move that further proceedings on this Bill be suspended in order that the Bill may be proceeded with in the next session of Parliament. I know perfectly well that it is no use moving that now, because I should, judging by the sparse attendance of noble Lords to-day, run the risk, by taking a division, of adjourning the proceedings on the Bill till another day. I do not want to carry measures to that length, but I say seriously that, if the House means to preserve its character as a deliberative and legislative Assembly, it will have to take some step of this kind. I think that the practice has gone further this session than I ever remember in previous years.

*THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY (The Earl of SELBORNE): The Factory Bill year was worse.

*LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH: Well, the noble Earl the First Lord of the Admiralty and I were jointly responsible for that at that time, and, therefore, as the noble Marquess opposite said, we must not say too much about it; but I think there are relatively more Bills coming up at the end of the session this year than in that year. I know perfectly well that verbal protests of the kind I am making are not much use. My real object is to urge the consideration of the point which I have suggested, and to show that there is a means, which I believe not to be unconstitutional, because each House is master of its proceedings, which would be effective, which would not destroy the labour of the other House of Parliament, and which would restore freedom and efficiency to this House. I think this is a subject which has not received the attention it deserves.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (The Marquess of LANSDOWNE): My Lords, I have so often during the last few days expressed my regret that your Lordships should be called upon to transact the remaining business of the session under such pressure that I will not take up your Lordships' time by repeating those professions, which I assure your Lordships are sincere. We must remember that what we have to deplore is not merely the suspension of the Standing Orders, because that is merely the symptom of the disease. The disease itself is the congestion of business at the end of the session. Whether we in point of form maintain the Standing Orders and pass each Bill through its stages one at a time, or whether we suspend the Standing Orders and pass two or three stages in one evening, does not seem to me to matter very much. I was relieved when I heard my noble friend Lord Ripon admit frankly that we on this side are not the only offenders in this respect, and when, as I thought, he was about to propose that both Front Benches, confessing that they were habitual criminals, should, so to speak, wear the white sheet and promise repentance, I was quite inclined to take part in a movement of that kind in company with him, but I observed that he immediately went on to divest himself of the white sheet and to promise that, on an occasion which he evidently did not regard as very remote, he would reappear in his old and unregenerate character.

I think it is our duty to seek for some remedy for this state of things. Whether it is to be found in any of the three proposals which have been made this evening—an earlier "massacre of the innocents," the introduction of more Bills in your Lordships' House, or the carry-over of Bills from one session to another—I will not now attempt to decide; but I can assure your Lordships that we do feel that this is not a question between the two Front Benches, but a question concerning, in the first place, the interests of the public in seeing that legislation is properly conducted, and in the next place those of this House whose dignity and reputation are involved.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND: My Lords, it is interesting to hear the Government declare that they are in this matter criminals. Perhaps the occupants of the Front Opposition Bench will forgive me if I say that they are now on ticket-of-leave, and think it possible that they may ere long find themselves locked up again, and therefore, they will not be hard on the criminals who now sit on the Government Bench. I venture to think that this discussion is rather an academic one. We have heard this sort of thing year after year. The Leader of the Opposition got up the other night and made a most earnest protest against the Standing Orders being suspended, and then he refused to divide the House against their suspension. The noble Marquess on the Front Opposition Bench has to-night protested most strongly against the course pursued, but has said he is going to vote for the Bill, and so it goes on year after year. The business of this House continues to be crowded into the last two or three weeks. We are told by the noble Lord the Chairman of Committees that to introduce a Bill into this House is a futile thing. He mentioned the fact that the noble and learned Earl on the Woolsack had introduced Bills which had never become law. But whose fault is that? It is entirely the fault of the Government in the House of Commons. If they gave that precedence to the Government Bills introduced in this House which they are able to give, those Bills would have the same chance of passing into law as Government Bills introduced in the House of Commons. It is a mere matter of arrangement. There is no earthly reason, that I see, why this Bill, and, still less, why the Bill next on the Paper, the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill, should not have come up to this House months ago. They were not, as I understand, Government Bills.

LORD BELPER: This is a Government Bill.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND: But the next Bill on the Paper, the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill, is not a Government Bill, though it is supported by the Government in this House. Both Bills touch important questions of principle. The Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill is so short and simple that it surely would have been possible to have got it up to this House in proper time. We shall never get over this difficulty until the independent Members of this House set their faces against passing Bills at this time of the session and refuse to be parties to it. It is a very serious step to take, but it is the only step that will have any effect. We very nearly defeated the Factories Bill a year or so ago. We might have done it, for there were not thirty Members in the House at the time; but we abstained from doing it because of the tremendous importance of the Bill. In the same way I agree that it would be inadvisable to defeat the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill because of the importance of the principle involved; but unless noble Lords, independent of the two Front Benches, determine to resist the passage at this late period of the session of measures of small importance as to the exigency of the moment, but of great importance as regards principle, then I say we shall never get over this difficulty. Holding that opinion, I intend to vote with my noble friend Lord Wemyss if he takes his Amendment to a division.

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Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2^a accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

OUTDOOR RELIEF (FRIENDLY SOCIETIES) (NO. 2) BILL.

[Second Reading]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

Lord KENYON: My Lords, I do not think it is necessary for me to trouble the House at any length on this Bill, as your Lordships have already had it before you this session in a slightly different form. You also had it before you last year, and it was debated in 1901. The principles of the Bill are to encourage thrift by allowing boards of guardians in giving relief to omit from consideration sick pay to the amount of 5s. per week afforded by friendly societies; and, secondly, to secure uniformity of treatment throughout the country. At the present moment boards of guardians are empowered to omit sick pay from consideration if they choose, but it is discretionary. Therefore, it is possible in one union for a man to have his sick pay taken into consideration when the grant of out-relief is made, and in a neighbouring union for a man to have the out-relief granted without his sick pay being considered.

This Bill was a private Bill in the House of Commons, but it has now been adopted by the Government, and the President of the Local Government Board has spoken in its support. A measure of this nature was moved by Lord Monkswell this session, and it passed through all its stages up to the Third Reading. It was then considered that it was a breach of privilege of the House of Commons, inasmuch as it affected the rates, and therefore the Bill was dropped. The principle has also been debated on a Motion by the Earl of Northbrook, who urged that an inquiry should be held on the question before this Bill passed into law, but the friendly societies refused to give evidence before such an inquiry, and there does not therefore seem to be much hope of getting any information by that means. The noble Earl, Lord Wemyss, urged the Government to accept responsibility for this Bill. They have now done so, and I hope that that will dispose of one of his contentions in the matter. It has been urged that the friendly societies should not receive special treatment in this matter. I would suggest that there is nothing in the Bill to prevent other forms of thrift being considered if your Lordships think it advisable at any future time to treat those forms of thrift in a similar way. I would urge this fact, that a man who invests his savings in a friendly society gets no benefit while he is in health, whereas in any other form of investment he probably would. This Bill has passed the House of Commons three times without a division, and I do not think it is consistent with the usual manner in which your Lordships treat measures that come up from the other House that you should refuse to give it a Second Reading.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*Lord Kenyon.*)

*The Earl of WEMYSS, who had given notice to move, "That this House is of opinion that no alteration should be made in the principles of Poor Law relief as now administered, save on the direct responsibility of the Government, and after a full independent public inquiry into the working of the present law; and this House meantime thinks it undesirable to proceed further with this Bill," said: My Lords, I am satisfied with the expression of opinion contained in my Resolution, and I shall not, therefore, detain you with many remarks. Poor Law questions are vital to the nation, and, I venture to submit, ought not to be dealt with without full inquiry. I do not know whether many of your Lordships have read the Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law of 1838, but I would remind you that at that time the labouring classes were entirely demoralised owing to the action of the Poor Law. Labourers used to say then, "Damn work, blast work; why should I work when I can get 12s. off the rates?" Stringency is necessary in regard to questions of outdoor relief, and such a measure as this should not be forced through Parliament when your Lordships' House has been put in duress by the suspension of the Standing Orders.

My noble friend Lord Northbrook has given a great deal of attention to this subject, and he recently presented a mass of petitions from Poor Law guardians who are objecting to being compelled to do that which they think in the long run will be demoralising to the people. I asked to-day to see these petitions, and I took up the top one, which happened to be the humble petition of Sir Wyndham Portal, ex-president of the Hampshire Friendly Society; Sir John Hibbert, president of the North Western Poor Law Conference and one of the highest authorities in this country on matters affecting Poor Law; Captain B. T. Griffith-Boscawen, chairman of the Central Committee of Poor Law Conferences—a body recognised by the Local Government Board as representing Poor Law guardians all over the country; Mr. Joseph Brown, president of the Poor Law Unions Association; Sir William Chance, Bart., hon. secretary of the Central Committee of Poor Law Conferences; Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, and others.

Now, what do they say? They state that no evidence has been produced and no sufficient reasons furnished for interfering, as this Bill proposes, with the discretionary power of boards of guardians in dealing with applications from members of friendly societies under existing statutes and the Order of the Local Government Board; that the Act of 1894 was in principle discretionary, and was passed in order to legalise a practice, already adopted by many boards of guardians, of giving special assistance to members of friendly societies, and not as a permissive measure, accepted with a view to further legislation, limiting or withdrawing in these cases the discretionary power of boards of guardians. I desire particularly to read to your Lordships this statement in their petition—

"The proposed Bill is a serious infringement of the Poor Law, inasmuch as Poor Law relief is legally available for the destitute only and for the provision of the necessaries of life, and not as a reward for thrift and saving. If the principle is adopted of granting additional poor relief to members of friendly societies as a statutory right, the claims of other persons who have been thrifty besides those who belong to a friendly society can hardly be resisted, and such a far-reaching principle should not be accepted in regard to only one body of men, such as members of friendly societies, without a full investigation of the whole subject, and without regard to the extension of the principle in the future."

In the circumstances I hope your Lordships will decline to allow a measure of this importance to be forced through Parliament by means of the suspension of the Standing Orders and without proper inquiry. Seventy years have elapsed since the last inquiry was held into the subject of the Poor Law, and surely it is now time that another was held. At any rate, there should be full inquiry before a measure of this great importance is passed into law.

Amendment moved—

"To leave out all the words after the word 'That,' for the purpose of inserting the following words, viz., 'this House is of opinion that no alteration should be made in the principles of Poor Law relief as now administered, save on the direct responsibility of the Government and after a full independent public inquiry into the working of the present law; and this House meantime thinks it undesirable to proceed further with this Bill.'"—(*The Earl of Wemyss.*)

*THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: My Lords, when this subject was discussed in your Lordships' House a year ago I ventured to express my entire agreement with the noble Earl Lord Northbrook, who then brought the matter forward, in thinking that we were asked to act in a totally inexplicable way in granting preferential treatment to friendly societies over all other forms of thrift. I was told then that it was a pity to show an unkindly spirit towards friendly societies. Nothing could be further from my wish than to do so. I believe in friendly societies with all my heart. I have supported them from the first time that I was able to take part in considering public questions at all, and I believe them to be one of the best means of promoting thrift that the country knows. But I maintain that no explanation has been forthcoming, either by the original promoters of the Bill or by His Majesty's Government, who have now taken it up, for singling out the friendly societies as the one form of thrift to which the Legislature is to grant special benefits and special rewards in the administration of Poor Law relief.

We were told by the noble Lord who moved the Second Reading of this Bill that the difference between thrift shown by means of investment in friendly societies and thrift shown in other ways was this, that a man who was thrifty in other ways would get the immediate benefit of his thrift, but that from a friendly society the investor would get no benefit until he fell ill, and that it was therefore a more deliberate and thoughtful course of action, deserving a peculiar encouragement. My Lords, I entirely dispute that proposition—I hold in my hand the Official Post Office Guide issued by the Government. If your Lordships will refer to a copy of it you will find page after page describing how His Majesty's Government allows people to invest in what are called deferred annuities, to take effect when the purchaser is, say, sixty years of age? That is a mode of thrift which, though specially promoted and encouraged by themselves, His Majesty's Government in this Bill totally disregards. A man who buys a Post Office deferred annuity gets no benefit under this Bill, but his brother who has used a friendly society as the medium of his thrift will get the special benefit which this Bill will confer upon him whenever he comes to appeal for Poor Law relief. It is unfair that those who ask for that further information which the Earl of Northbrook has demanded on more than one occasion should be taunted with being unkindly towards friendly societies, because we are simply waiting for an explanation of the differential treatment we are asked to give. I wait still in the expectation that we shall somehow and somewhen be furnished with some explanation why this differential treatment should be asked for by the friendly societies, and why, if it is asked for, it should be granted at the public expense when it is not granted to other forms of thrift quite as praiseworthy and quite as likely, with a fair chance, to be largely and, in the public interest, advantageously adopted.

EARL GREY: My Lords, I think, after the two speeches to which we have listened, independent Members of your Lordships' House cannot fail to arrive at the conclusion that the Government are making a strong demand in asking us to pass a Bill of this kind at this period of the session. I think the House is under a debt of gratitude to the noble Earl, Lord Wemyss, for his public spirit in staying here as he has done, to my personal knowledge at great inconvenience to himself, in order to defend principles which are dear to his heart and in order to defend, as he thinks, the dignity of your Lordships' House. The noble Earl who moved the Second Reading of the Bill contended that inasmuch as the other House had passed this Bill three times without a division, we should not be acting quite in a spirit of respect towards that House in refusing to consider the Bill on the present occasion. Well, my Lords, I think we have our dignity to consider also. I can recollect a Bill introduced by the noble and learned Earl on the Woolsack last year which was passed unanimously by this House. It was introduced again this year, and again passed unanimously by your Lordships. The object of that measure was to make an illicit commission a criminal offence. But what has the other House done in regard to that Bill? It has not even had the civility to consider it at all. I do think that if the other House treats with such scant respect Bills which have been introduced into your Lordships' House by the Lord Chancellor, and which your Lordships have passed unanimously on two occasions, they cannot expect us to be very friendly towards Bills which they could have sent up much earlier if they had liked. The statement of Lord Kenyon that this Bill has passed the House of Commons three times without a division shows that they could have sent it up at a very much earlier period. That being so, I wish to associate myself with the noble Duke, the Duke of Northumberland, in his protest against the treatment which has been meted out to this House, and I shall certainly give my vote with the noble Earl if, as I hope he will, he presses his Amendment to a division.

*THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY (The Earl of SELBORNE): My Lords, whatever may be said about the management of business in the other or in this House, I would remind your Lordships that at an earlier period of the session the Bill which is now before us passed through all its stages up to the Third Reading, and that it would have been passed but for the question raised by the noble and learned Earl on the Woolsack, that inasmuch as it was concerned with the rates it was a matter coming within the privilege of the other House. There is, therefore, absolutely no case of indecent haste in regard to this particular Bill. But the Government do not propose to ask your Lordships to carry the Bill further to-day than the Second Reading. My noble friend who spoke last urged that because the House of Commons had failed to find time year after year for very important Bills passed by your Lordships' House, your Lordships might reasonably refuse to pass this measure at this stage of the session. My answer is that two wrongs do not make a right, and because the House of Commons acts in a manner that he deplores, that is no reason why your Lordships' House should act in a manner which you would have good reason afterwards to regret.

The reason for this change of opinion in your Lordships' House is that your Lordships have become more convinced of the intrinsic merits of the Bill and more impressed with the importance of the opinion of the friendly societies. No one would accuse the most rev. Prelate or Earl Grey of indifference to, or want of interest in, the friendly societies. There is no body of men in this country who more deservedly enjoy your Lordships' esteem than the great friendly societies. They are pillars of the Constitution. There is no body of men in this country who make more for thrift and national independence of character and for law and order. My answer to the most rev. Primate is that the Poor Law as administered at present is distinctly hostile to the spread of thrifty ideas in certain respects. Here is one case in which the hostility between the interests of the Poor Law and the interests of thrift can be abrogated.

It is no argument against taking this step to say that there are other steps which might possibly be taken, but are not taken in this Bill. Speaking for myself, I should be glad to join with the most rev. Primate in giving an advantage to other classes of the community who use means of thrift other than that dealt with in this Bill. I knew a case of a man who had been in my father's employment, and who had for years contributed to one of these friendly societies. He came upon hard times, and he never could understand why he who had been thrifty, and therefore received a small weekly allowance in respect of that thrift, should not be able to get Poor Law relief while his neighbour in the next cottage, who had never put a single halfpenny of his wages into a friendly society, received parish relief without any difficulty. Do your Lordships think that that state of things is calculated to assist thrift? Therefore, my answer to the most rev. Primate is that because more in this direction may possibly have to be done, there is no reason why we should not now do what we can.

I ask your Lordships to pass this Bill, more especially as the principle involved in it has already been admitted. The most rev. Primate's speech would have been greatly to the point ten years ago. Ten years ago your Lordships' House, in conjunction with the other House of Parliament, passed a measure giving discretionary power to boards of guardians to give a man who had contributed to a friendly society the very benefits which are referred to in this Bill. The object of this Bill is to remove the invidious distinction that whereas in one union a member of a friendly society is given the benefit of his thrift, in an adjoining union he is refused that benefit. I would ask your Lordships, Is it an inducement to thrift that such an arbitrary condition of affairs should exist? By this Bill the unequal treatment of two men who are equally deserving will cease, and boards of guardians will be required to administer the law in a fashion that will bear equally on all members of friendly societies who come under the Poor Law. I would say, in reply to the noble Earl who moved the Amendment, that there is really no question of an inquiry in this matter. It is not a question of digging up the roots of the settlement of the Poor Law which was arrived at after the inquiry of 1838.

*THE EARL OF WEMYSS: It is the small end of the wedge.

*THE EARL OF SELBORNE: I would remind the noble Earl—the metaphor is somewhat mixed—that you cannot dig up the roots of a system with a small end of the wedge. This Bill is not a commencement of the reversal of that great reform, and your Lordships are as well able to form an opinion on this special point as the members of any Committee would be. The noble Earl is in error in supposing that the Government have not made themselves responsible for this Bill. This is a Government Bill; we have taken it up; and I ask your Lordships to read the Bill a second time on the grounds I have stated.

On Question, whether the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Motion, their Lordships divided. Contents, 30; Non-Contents, 9.

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Salisbury, M. (*L. Privy Seal.*)

Lansdowne, M.
Ripon, M.

Clarendon, E. (*L. Chamberlain.*)
Denbigh, E.
Doncaster, E. (*D. Buccleuch and Queensberry.*)

Hardwicke, E.
Onslow, E.
Selborne, E.
Waldegrave, E. [*Teller.*]

Churchill, V. [*Teller.*]
Hood, V.
Hutchinson, V. (*E. Donoughmore*

Addington, L.
Armstrong, L.
Ashbourne, L.

Balfour, L.
Belper, L.
Braybrooke, L.
Emly, L.
Kenyon, L.
Kilmarnock, L. (*E. Erroll.*)
Kintore, L. (*E. Kintore.*)
Lawrence, L.
St. Oswald, L.
Suffield, L.
Windsor, L.
Wolverton, L.

NON-CONTENTS.

Northumberland, D.

Grey, E.

Gordon, V. (*E. Aberdeen.*)

Glenesk, L.
Iveagh, L.
Sherborne, L.
Stalbridge, L.

Stanley of Alderley, L. [*Teller.*]
Wemyss, L. (*E. Wemyss.*) [*Teller.*]

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 2^a accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

EDUCATION (LOCAL AUTHORITY DEFAULT) BILL.

House in Committee (according to order).

Clause 1:—

*Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY moved to insert words providing that the powers given by the clause to the Board of Education on default of the local education authority should only be exercised "after forwarding a statement in writing of the alleged default to the local authority, and considering any statement the local authority may submit in their defence, and hearing any evidence the local authority may desire to submit relevant to the charge." If the local authority were to be placed in a criminal and penal position there should be securities for justice. Even in the infernal regions they were told *Castigatque, auditque reos*, the judge chastised, but he heard. By this Bill they were taken to a lower depth than the realms of Pluto, and the judges castigated where they did not hear.

Amendment moved—

"In Clause 1, page 1, line 9, after the word 'school,' to insert the words 'after forwarding a statement in writing of the alleged default to the local authority and considering any statement the local authority may submit in their defence, and hearing any evidence the local authority may desire to submit relevant to the charge.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

The LORD PRESIDENT of the COUNCIL and PRESIDENT of the BOARD of EDUCATION (The Marquess of Londonderry): My Lords, I dealt yesterday at considerable length with the question raised in the noble Lord's Amendment. I do not know why the noble Lord likened the local authorities to criminals. I can assure him we have never regarded them in that light at all. We contemplate the local authority as declining on the ground of conscientious scruples to put into force an Act, the administration of which is imposed upon them, and the Board of Education will not put its powers under this Bill into force unless it is absolutely necessary. But if the Board of Education is to wait until it has been able to communicate and take counsel with the local authority, I think the time at which the Board of Education could act would be very distant indeed. The object of this Bill is to enable the Board to act decisively and quickly where necessary. If this Amendment were passed it would be impossible for us to act decisively. As I stated yesterday, Mr. Lloyd-George has pointed out that it will be quite possible for the local authority to postpone answering correspondence for three months. We cannot accept an Amendment which exposes us to such risks. The noble Lord said yesterday that the Act of 1870 provided that before declaring a board school in default the Board of Education should hold a public inquiry. I have looked up that Act, and I find that in Clause 63 the words are—

> "The education authority, after such inquiry as they *think necessary* . . . ."

so that we are not in this Bill going contrary to the provision of the Act of 1870. I repeat that our great object is to deal with these matters quickly and to avoid correspondence with authorities who on more than one occasion have declined to answer our communications.

*The Marquess of RIPON desired, as one of the authors of the Act of 1870, to say a few words on the point raised. The Act of 1870 gave very large powers for dealing with school boards in default, but it especially directed that there should be in each case an inquiry. He could not understand why the noble Marquess now refused an inquiry. He thought that in all such cases an inquiry ought to be held. By the Act of 1870 the extent of the inquiry was left very much to the Education Department. As a general principle he did not think it desirable to entrust unlimited powers of any kind to a public Department. He thought all Departments ought to act, and especially in a case of this sort, where they were going to take a strong step in regard to public bodies, on broad judicial principles. One of the first of those principles appeared to him to be that they ought to inquire into the facts. No doubt the noble Marquess and the officers of the Board of Education had made up their minds that in the case of a number of county councils in Wales the Act had not been properly carried out, but that opinion rested, of course, upon general statements, and had not been the result of careful inquiry in each particular case by the Board. He thought such an inquiry necessary, and he would be very sorry if the Amendment were negatived.

*Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY said that, though the noble Marquess objected to the use of the word "criminal," he certainly in his speech treated the local authorities as criminals or as defendants against whom a judgment for money was asked, and civil defendants were entitled to be heard before judgment was given against them. It was useless to divide, and the Amendment would have to be negatived.

On Question, Amendment negatived.

*Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY then moved to leave out the words in Sub-section 2 providing that the sums paid by the Board of Education under the Act should be a debt due to the Crown from the local education authority, leaving only the words standing that these sums might be deducted from sums payable to the authority on account of Parliamentary grants. The clause as it stood apparently put the Crown in the position of a judgment creditor, and he desired to know what the powers of the Crown in such a position were. He thought it would be sufficient if the powers of the Crown were limited to dealing with the Treasury money. What was covered by the reference to Parliamentary grants in the Bill was a more difficult question than it seemed. He did not believe it would cover the special aid grants.

Amendment moved—

> "In Clause 1, page 1, line 23, to leave out from the word 'Act,' to the word 'may' in line 25.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

The Marquess of LONDONDERRY: My Lords, the words proposed to be omitted are essential to the working of the Bill. The Board must not be confined to using one method only in cases of default. Holding back some of the grants may or may not be the most convenient way in which the Board should deal with the situation. The duty which they will be performing under this Bill in any given place will be the duty which should have been performed by the local authority. The Board will, *ex hypothesi*, merely be paying expenses which the authority should have paid. The money is, therefore, essentially owing to the Crown from the local education authority; it is important that this should be properly recognised and the words "debts due to the Crown" represent this fact. It is the fashion to call this Bill a "coercion Bill," and to say that it is coercing the authorities into doing their duty. It is not so. The Board are going to carry out a duty which the authority declines to carry out. But the Board must obviously have for this purpose the moneys which the authority has received from public funds, as a trustee for doing those duties, but which the authority stubbornly refuses to put to the uses for which the public provided them.

On Question, Amendment negatived.

*LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY then moved to amend the clause so that it should not be retrospective. He thought people had a right to be judged by the law as it existed at the time of their alleged offence.

Amendment moved—

"In page 2, line 2, to leave out the words 'whether before or.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY: I am afraid it is impossible to accept the Amendment. I dwelt at considerable length yesterday on the fact that the efficiency of a certain number of non-provided schools in Wales had been maintained owing to the generosity and patriotism of the managers. In the case of many of these schools the managers have paid out of their own pockets the money for the maintenance of the schools and this should be repaid by the local authorities. In other cases, teachers are unable to obtain their salaries, and my hon. friend Sir William Anson quoted a case in the House of Commons in which it was impossible for a teacher to go away for her annual holiday because her salary had not been paid. It is therefore necessary to make the Bill retrospective, for otherwise these people would be defrauded of what belongs to them.

On Question, Amendment negatived.

Clause 1 agreed to.

*LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY moved a new clause which he said was copied from the Education Act of 1870, providing that the Board of Education should cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament in every year a special report, stating the cases in which they had made any order under this Bill during the preceding year and their reasons for making such order. The object of the Amendment was to secure that in all these cases where authorities in default had been dealt with by the Board of Education the Board should report fully to Parliament.

Amendment moved—

"After Clause 1, to insert as a new clause, 'The Board of Education shall cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament in every year a special report stating the cases in which they have made any order under this Act during the preceding year, and their reasons for making such order.'"—(*Lord Stanley of Alderley.*)

THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY: My Lords, the Board will publish reports from time to time as they invariably do with regard to important matters affecting education, but it would be impossible for them to report—as they are asked by this new clause to do—on every action of theirs affecting such small matters as salaries, coals, and the hundred and one other subjects dealt with in the administration of the Act. I am not in the least desirous of concealing or keeping anything back, and I am sure that if what appears to be the slightest act of injustice is done by the Board of Education to any of the local authorities of Wales it will be brought under the notice of Parliament by some of the ardent and active representatives of Wales.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON expressed surprise that the noble Marquess had rejected what he could not help feeling was a very reasonable proposal. As the Act gave special and peculiar powers to the Board of Education, surely it was not unreasonable to ask that the Board should let the public know from time to time how it had used those powers. This would not interfere in the slightest degree with the powers which the noble Marquess desired to have, and he could not think that the staff of the Board was not sufficient to enable these reports to be drawn up.

The Marquess of LONDONDERRY: The Board are prepared to issue reports from time to time, but in view of the enormous amount of extra work which the Act of 1902 has entailed, it is desirable that the demands should not unnecessarily be increased by compelling the frequent presentation of returns on most trifling details. I repeat that the whole of the local education authorities are in touch with their representatives in Parliament, and if there is any grievance, no matter how small or trivial, that grievance will certainly be brought up in Parliament.

The Earl of CREWE expressed surprise that the noble Marquess should be unwilling to make this very small concession. These powers were of an exceptional character, and in accordance with precedent a Return should be made. The noble Marquess had stated that it was hardly fair to expect the Board of Education to go in its reports into every kind of detail, such as teachers' salaries, coal, and so on. The noble Lord who had moved the Amendment had not asked that these particular details should be mentioned. What he wanted was a formal report of the kind which the noble Marquess indefinitely said would be delivered from time to time. The difference, therefore, between his noble friend and the noble Marquess seemed to be so slight that he thought it would be worth while for the Government to make this concession. He had no doubt that if the noble Marquess persisted in his refusal a Motion would be made at an early date next session asking for a report of this kind.

***Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY** asked whether the noble Marquess would undertake that in every case where action was taken by the Board of Education under this Bill an official letter should go to the local authority informing them of the action of the Board and its cause.

The Marquess of Ripon.

The Marquess of LONDONDERRY: I have no objection whatever to that. The difficulty is not in regard to the Board writing to the local authority, but in regard to their getting a reply from the local authority.

On Question, Amendment negatived.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendment. Standing Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª To-morrow.

ARMENIA.

The Earl of ABERDEEN: My Lords, I rise to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if further information can now be given regarding recent disturbances in certain districts of the Armenian provinces; also if His Majesty's Government contemplate the appointment of additional Consuls in those regions; and to move for Papers. In the notice which I sent to the noble Marquess the Foreign Secretary of my intention to ask this Question I mentioned some of the localities in which disturbances had occurred, but quite recently other events of the same sort have been reported in the newspapers. It is stated in the newspapers that within the last few days Armenian revolutionaries have appeared near the village of Outchkilissa, and that Turkish soldiers have made that the excuse for destroying that village and, among other villages, Karabazar and Sayto. They butchered men and outraged women. There was a repetition o what is too common a story. Some Armenian bands endeavoured to retaliate, and did retaliate, by killing a number of Turkish soldiers. I am aware that it is frequently stated, on behalf of the Turkish Government, that these troubles, and the terrible events which accompany them, are largely due to the fact that evil-minded people have instigated insurrection. But if half or a quarter of the outrages upon women reported to have taken place are true, there is very little need for instigation. It is a matter of history and general experience, of course, that this particular crime is more apt than any other to arouse great excitement and violence, and unless more effective measures are taken to repress these excessive outrages insurrections must occur. As to the second part of my Question, it was stated some time ago in the other House by the Under-Secretary of State that His Majesty's Government considered that there was a sufficient number of Consuls in these regions at present to look after British interests. But besides trade and individual interests this country has a responsibility, as one of the signatories to the Treaty of Berlin, in regard to the protection of the Christian population. I do not suggest that our Consuls should act as diplomatic agents, but that they should be agents for collecting and transmitting information, which would have a preventive influence in regard to such disturbances. We are aware that urgent representations have been made in the noble Marquess's despatch, but it seems desirable that further steps should be taken. I beg to move for Papers.

*THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE: My Lords, there has been, during the present year, as the noble Earl is aware, a state of continuous unrest in these Armenian districts. It is not easy, in such cases, to trace the causes of that unrest to their sources. You may say that the attitude of the revolutionary party has been in some measure due to the fact that a large concentration of badly-disciplined Turkish troops has taken place in their neighbourhood; on the other hand, it will probably be said that the presence of these troops was regarded as indispensable by the Turkish Government on account of the activity of the revolutionary party. We have, in the circumstances, endeavoured to do all that was in our power to allay the excitement which prevails, and our Ambassador at Constantinople has been unremitting in his efforts to persuade the Turkish Government to take such steps as seemed to him best calculated to have that result. He has continually urged the necessity of disbanding as many as possible of these Turkish troops, the desirability of amicable negotiation with the discontented inhabitants, and, above all things, he has pressed upon the Porte its responsibility for the lawless proceedings of the Kurds, and the duty of keeping them in proper order.

I am bound to say that Sir Nicholas O'Conor's representations have been well received by the Turkish Government, and that they have given a considerable amount of encouragement to the steps which have been taken. The Sultan received the Armenian Patriarch, and, as a result of the interviews which took place, there was an attempt at mediation on the part of the Armenian Bishops—an attempt of which a great deal was expected, but of which, I am afraid, very little came. Then, at our initiative, the Consuls representing the French, Russian, and British services met in the month of June at Moush and put pressure upon the local authorities, and besides that we were able to arrange that a British officer, Captain Tyrrell, our Consul at Van, should accompany the Turkish troops. I mention this because the noble Earl dwelt upon the value of the presence of British officials in such conditions as those with which we are unfortunately familiar in Armenia. In spite of these precautions there have been several regrettable outbreaks, one in particular in May, when the insurgents attacked the Turkish troops, and when, as might have been expected, reprisals took place. There was considerable loss of life and destruction of property, though we are given to understand that those were not as great as was represented in some of the published reports.

I may mention that on 21st June the Grand Vizier informed Sir Nicholas O'Conor that certain decisions had been arrived at by the Council of Ministers. These, I am bound to say, seem to be of a satisfactory nature. Those decisions were to the effect that permission should be granted to the refugees at Moush and other places to return to their homes; that a sum of money should be appropriated and sent to the Vali of Bitlis to assist the refugees in rebuilding their houses; that barracks should be built in order to protect the Armenians against the predatory raids of the Kurds; that a general amnesty should be granted to all those who surrendered, and who were not caught in the actual commission of crime; that an efficient *gendarmerie* should be reorganised in Bitlis and the neighbouring vilayets; and that an inquiry should be held into the mode and system of administration in order to check existing abuses. These promised reforms seem to have been, to some extent, at all events, carried out, because the reports which we have since received, both from our Consul, Mr. Heathcote, and from Captain Tyrrell, were certainly of a more satisfactory character during the summer months.

Mr. Heathcote telegraphed on 28th June that the settlement of the refugees in the mountains was proceeding satisfactorily, and that the vilayet was undisturbed; and in July he was able to say that the condition of affairs had materially improved; that the Turkish authorities were genuinely endeavouring to relieve the immediate wants of the refugees who returned to their homes; that a suitable official had been appointed to supervise the work of reinstating them in their villages, and that the Vali had promised that the arrest of a notorious Kurd and certain other malefactors should be effected. Captain Tyrrell's reports were also of an encouraging description. He reported in June that he had himself visited the disturbed districts, and that the authorities had placed no difficulties in the way of his doing so. He said that there had been considerable loss of life, but he reported that it would be difficult to sustain the charge of massacres and atrocities. The participation of the Kurds was, moreover, not proved, and the orders issued by the authorities were undoubtedly intended to prevent it.

In July, again, he reported that he had collected at Sassun 300 refugees from Taloriy and had handed them over to the settlement officer; that some hundred more refugees had returned from Taloriy, and that there had been great exaggeration as to the numbers reported killed. He added that the progress of reinstatement was satisfactory, that cattle were being restored, houses rebuilt, and that the Mutessarif of Moush and his subordinates were working energetically and well. This indicated upon the whole a distinct improvement in the condition of these disturbed districts, and I should have been inclined to take a hopeful view of the situation had it not been for the fact that at the end of July there was, unfortunately, another serious conflict at a place called Gravi, near Moush, when several soldiers were killed and several of the inhabitants were killed by the soldiers. With regard to the noble Earl's suggestion that an addition might be made to the Consular officers employed in those regions, we have come to the conclusion that the staff already available is sufficient for the purpose. The only other fact I have to add is that we propose at an early date to lay Papers in which the noble Earl will find a good deal of information bearing on the subject which he has brought before the House.

House adjourned during pleasure; and resumed by the Earl of Waldegrave.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION BILL (No. 199),

ISLE OF MAN (CUSTOMS (BILL. (No. 200),

IRISH LAND BILL (No. 201),

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL (No. 202),

PRISONS (SCOTLAND) BILL (No. 203),

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BILL (No. 204),

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (No. 205).

Brought from the Commons; read 1^a; to be printed; and to be read 2^a To-morrow.

House adjourned at ten minutes past Eight o'clock, till To-morrow, Twelve o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Friday, 12th August, 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the Clock.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILL BUSINESS.

Carlisle Corporation Bill. Lords Amendments considered, and agreed to.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill. Lords Amendments considered, and agreed to.

PETITIONS.

LICENSING BILL

Petitions against; from Barry (two); Penmark; Radyr; St. Athan; and Wallsend; to lie upon the Table.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS ACT, 1897.

Petition from Bromley, for alteration of Law; to lie upon the Table.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

COPY OF REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY BILL.

Paper [communicated from the Lords 11th August] to be printed. [No. 354.]

COPY OF REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (METRIC SYSTEM) BILL.

Paper [communicated from the Lords 11th August] to be printed. [No. 355.]

COPY OF REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON SEA FISHERIES BILL.

Paper [communicated from the Lords 11th August] to be printed. [No. 356.]

COPY OF REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANTREY TRUST.

Paper [communicated from the Lords 11th August] to be printed. [No. 357.]

TRANSVAAL.

Copy presented, of further Correspondence relating to Labour in the Transvaal Mines [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

TRAINING COLLEGES (IRELAND).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 9th August; *Mr. Boland*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 358.]

HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS (ROYAL COMMISSION).

Copy presented, of Report on the Manuscripts of J. B. Fortescue, esquire, preserved at Dropmore, Vol. IV. [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

PRISONS OFFICERS (ACCOMMODATION.)

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 10th August; *Mr. Claude Hay*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 359.]

LOSS OF LIFE AT SEA.

Copy presented, of Return showing the Lives lost by wreck, drowning, or other accidents in British Merchant Ships registered in the United Kingdom during the years 1891 to 1903, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 1690], [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

CYPRUS.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 11th August; *Mr. Pierpoint*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 360.]

ALCOHOL (EXEMPTION FROM DUTY).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 11th August; *Mr. Louis Sinclair*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed.[No. 361.]

POLITICAL OFFICERS (PENSIONS).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 10th August; *Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 362.]

FORESHORES.

Copy presented, of Treasury Minute, dated 12th August, 1904, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March, 1904, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

PAUPERISM AND DEATH RATE.

Return ordered, "showing certain particulars with respect to the Population, Death Rate, and Pauperism in each Poor Law Union in London and in the Poor Law Unions of Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield, and Bristol, respectively, in the following form:—

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL ORDERS (NO. 13) BILL.

Name of Union.	Population according to the Census of 1901.	Death rate of persons at all ages per 1,000 of estimated population for the 10 years from 1891 to 1900.										Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births for the 10 years from 1891 to 1900.										Ratio of paupers relieved on 1st January, 1901, per 1,000 of population (Census 1901).			Ratio of cost of relief for year ended Ladyday, 1901, per head of population (Census 1901).	
		1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	Indoor paupers, including insane, in workhouses and vagrants.	Outdoor paupers.	Paupers of all classes.	Outdoor relief.	Total expenditure on relief of the poor.

—(*Sir Walter Foster.*)

BENEFICES ACT, 1898.

Address for "Return, in the following form:—(A) Return of Transfers of Rights of Patronage registered under the Benefices Act, 1898, during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903 (to be extracted from the Register prescribed by Rules 2 and 3 of the Benefices Act, 1898), and also in respect of Benefices of which the rights of patronage have been transferred during those years of the dates of such institutions or admissions (if any) as have been made during those years subsequent to the transfer:—

Diocese.	Name of Benefice.	Date of registration.	Date of transfer.	Names, addresses, and descriptions of transferors.	Names, addresses, and descriptions of transferees.	Interest transferred.	Extension of period for registration (if any).	Date of last institution or admission prior to transfer.	Reservation in favour of transferor (if any).	Date of subsequent institution or admission (if any).

(B.) Return of Benefices (if any) in respect of which Refusals of Institution were made under the Benefices Act, 1898, during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903:—

Diocese.	Name of Benefice.	Grounds of refusal.	Whether any Appeal.	Result of Appeal (if any).

(C.) Return of Benefices (if any) in respect of which Commissions were issued during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903, under the Pluralities Act, 1838, as amended by the Pluralities Act Amendment Act, 1885, and the Benefices Act, 1898:—

Diocese.	Name of Benefice.	Whether the Report of the Commissioners was in favour of or adverse to the Incumbent.	If adverse, whether followed by—		Whether any Appeal.	Result of Appeal (if any).
			Appointment of Curate.	Inhibition of Incumbent.		

—(*Lord Hugh Cecil.*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898, AND REGISTRATION (IRELAND) ACT, 1898 (ORDERS AND RULES).

Return ordered, "of Copies of Orders made by the Lord-Lieutenant in Council, and of Orders and Rules, or in certain cases Schedules enumerating Orders and Rules, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under or in consequence of the provisions of The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of The Registration (Ireland) Act, 1898; also, of Rules of Court and of County Court Rules made in relation to the said Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 360, of Session 1899, and Nos. 359 and 360 of Session 1900."—(*Mr. Wyndham.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CIRCULATED WITH THE VOTES.

Gambling Operations in the Cotton Trade.

Mr. FIELD (Dublin, St. Patrick): To ask the First Lord of the Treasury whether he will make inquiry regarding the gambling operations by banks and leading operators in Liverpool, in connection with the further proposed decrease in the hours of working by cotton operatives; whether he is aware that the master cotton-spinners of Lancashire have recommended the adoption of short time throughout the cotton industry of England; and whether he will cause to be circulated a report of the recent International Conference on the subject.

(*Answered by Mr. A. J. Balfour.*) I am afraid I can add nothing to the tenor of my previous Answer on this subject.† With regard to the second part of the Question, I have heard that such a proposal has been in contemplation; and with regard to the third, I am disposed to think that at present there are hardly sufficient grounds for adopting the hon. Gentleman's suggestion.

Steam Coal—Suggested Government Control of Supply.

Sir LEES KNOWLES (Salford, W.): To ask the First Lord of the Treasury, inasmuch as the supply of steam coal will be exhausted at an early date, and inasmuch as His Majesty's Government have stated that they have no control on the increasing export of it to foreign countries, whether he will consider the advisability of taking steps by legislation or otherwise to prevent the loss to the nation of this steam coal.

(*Answered by Mr. A. J. Balfour.*) Until the Royal Commissioners have reported I am afraid I cannot deal with the grounds upon which my hon. friend rests his Question. Still less can I make any statement as to legislation.

Report of Sewage Disposal Commission.

Colonel LEGGE (St George's, Hanover Square): To ask the First Lord of the Treasury if he can say when the final Report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal may be expected; and why that portion of the Report dealing with sewage farms has not yet been published.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 1478.

(*Answered by Mr. A. J. Balfour.*) Pending the result of further investigations I am informed that it is impossible to say when either the final Report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal, or that portion of it which deals with the land treatment of sewage, will be published.

Eviction of Mr. McCann on Ogilby Estate --Vacation of Holding by Present Tenant.

Mr. MACVEAGH (Down, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that Francis McCann, a tenant on the Ogilby Estate, Dromore, county Tyrone, was evicted from his farm some years ago; that this farm was held after the eviction by a man named Alcorn, who has since purchased the farm under the Land Act of 1903; that Alcorn is willing to surrender the farm on receiving reasonable compensation; and whether he will represent to the Estates Commissioners the advisability of their entering into communication with Alcorn with a view to effecting an arrangement.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The holding in the Question is in the occupation of Samuel Alcorn, to whom it was sold under the 40th Section of the Act of 1896. In reply to the second inquiry, I must refer the hon. Member to the provisions of the Act of 1903.

Trout Poaching in the Ballinahinch River.

Mr. JOSEPH DEVLIN (Kilkenny, N.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether complaints have been made to the Department of Agriculture as to the poaching of trout in Ballinahinch (county Down) River and its tributaries; if so, whether he will cause a return to be made of the number of convictions for this offence obtained by the Royal Irish Constabulary (flax water cases excluded); and whether he will direct the Royal Irish Constabulary to assist the Anglers' Association employees in the district in the future to suppress illegal practices.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) I would refer to my replies to the Questions by my hon. friend the Member for South Belfast on the 27th July † and 4th August.‡ No prosecution has been undertaken by the police for poaching on this river during the past year.

Catholic and Protestant Irish National School Teachers in District 14.

Mr. JOSEPH DEVLIN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can state the number of Catholic and Protestant teachers respectively, principals and assistants, in district 14 under the National Board; for how long during the past fifteen years this district was in charge of a Catholic inspector, and how many teachers, Catholic and Protestant respectively, got increases of salary since 1900 in district 14.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) This question will be brought before the Commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday next.

Inspection of Intermediate Schools—Dr. Starkie's Travelling Expenses.

Mr. JOSEPH DEVLIN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether the travelling and other incidental expenses of Dr. Starkie, while accompanying Messrs. Dale and Stephens on business exclusively of intermediate schools, were paid out of money voted by Parliament for Irish National Education purposes; and, if so, is it regular to divert any portion of the money voted for such purposes to defraying expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Intermediate Education Board.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) As a matter of fact Dr. Starkie was not exclusively employed on the occasion in the work of inspecting intermediate schools. He inspected primary schools as well, and did not accompany Messrs. Dale and Stephens during the full period of his absence from Dublin. His expenses were defrayed from the Vote for Public Education.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 1341.

‡ See (4) *Debates*, cxxxix., 989.

Revision of Glasgow Post Office Sorting Staff.

MR. NOLAN (Louth, S.): To ask the Postmaster-General if he will say when the revision of the Glasgow sorting staff, which was said to be in course of preparation on 6th July, 1903, was received, and on what date the said revision is likely to be given effect to; is he aware that an official who does not hold the certificate granted by the Civil Service Commissioners to sorting clerks is at present employed on a duty pertaining to the class of clerks, and on which there is a certain amount of supervision; whether the delay in granting the revision is the cause of this official being so employed; and, if not, will he give instructions that this official be employed only on duties pertaining to the class to which he belongs.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) I am inquiring into this matter, and will communicate with the hon. Member as soon as I have obtained the necessary information.

Belfast Post Office—Lighting of Instrument Room.

MR. SLOAN (Belfast, S.): To ask the Postmaster-General whether he is aware a petition was presented by the telegraphists at Belfast, in November, 1902, asking an immediate improvement in the lighting of the instrument room by the introduction of arc lamps; that the authorities at Belfast confirmed the necessity for such lamps; and that the petitioners were informed in April, 1903, that the matter was receiving consideration; and, if so, can he state what steps have or are being taken in the matter.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) Arrangements for effecting an improvement in the lighting of the instrument room in the head post office at Belfast have been sanctioned, and the work will shortly be carried out. It is doubtful whether arc lamps could be used with advantage, and it is not proposed to introduce any at present

Postal Reliefs.

MR. NANNETTI (Dublin, College Green): To ask the Postmaster-General whether he will consider the matter during the recess of discontinuing the practice of employing on reliefs persons other than those who entered the postal service as Civil servants, so long as the latter can be found qualified, and either receiving no pay at all or receiving only half-pay.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) It is not clear to what reliefs the hon. Member refers. If he will give me further particulars I will make inquiry.

Hours of Duty at Harrogate Post Office.

MR. BELL (Derby): To ask the Postmaster-General if he is aware that, at the Harrogate post office, there are four rounds of duty for postmen, occupying a period of fifteen hours to do eight hours duty performed in three spells, each going on duty at 5.25 and 5.30 a.m. to 6.55, 7.0, and 7.55 a.m. respectively, then from 9.15 a.m. till 2.0 p.m., 10.20 till 12.0; 11.0 till 2.0, and 12.30 till 6.0 p.m., and from 6.30, 4.30, and 7.15 p.m. respectively till 8.15 p.m., and one from 5.0 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.; and, if so, whether, in view of the Tweedmouth Committee's recommendation that each man should have nine hours clear off duty, he will state what action he proposes to take; and whether he is aware that girls have to go on duty at 5.30 a.m.; and, if so, whether, seeing that the same Committee recommended that girls should not commence before 8.0 a.m., he will have this recommendation carried out in this office.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) I will have inquiry made, and will communicate the result to the hon. Member. The Tweedmouth Committee, however, made no recommendation as to the employment of female staff before 8.0 a.m.

Negotiations between the Post Office and National Telephone Company.

MR. CLAUDE HAY (Shoreditch, Hoxton.): To ask the Postmaster-General whether, in the event of his coming to an arrangement with the National Telephone Company during the autumn as to the purchase of their undertaking, he will give the House an opportunity of discussing the terms of purchase before the Government are committed to the same, in order that the interests of the users of the telephone and the taxpayers may be properly protected; whether he will agree in any event to refer the agreement, if any, to a Select Committee; and whether, in the event of his deciding to postpone the purchase until 1911, he will reduce the rates of the Post Office service, especially the charge for unlimited service.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) With regard to the first part of the hon. Member's Question, I have already pledged myself that no agreement between the Post Office and the National Telephone Company for purchase of their undertaking will be considered binding until the House of Commons has had an opportunity of expressing its opinion thereon. I have nothing to add to that assurance, except that I am unable to accept the suggestion which the hon. Member's Question appears to convey, that the Government is not likely to protect the interests of the users of the telephone and the taxpayer. The question of the rates charged for the Post Office service is one that must be considered on its merits apart from any question of purchase.

Tenders for Battleship Armour.

Mr. J. F. HOPE (Sheffield, Brightside): To ask the Secretary to the Admiralty whether he is in a position to state more precisely when the tenders will be issued for the armour required for the battleships and cruisers included in the naval programme of the current financial year.

(*Answered by Mr. Pretyman.*) The armour for the battleships and cruisers of the further programme of the present financial year will not be required for some considerable time. Tenders for such armour will not be invited during the present financial year, the Estimates for which contain no provision for purchasing the armour referred to.

Capture of Illig—Publication of Despatches.

Mr. LEVESON-GOWER (Sutherland): To ask the Secretary to the Admiralty whether any despatches have been received from the Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies relating to the capture of Illig on 21st April; and, if so, whether it is intended to publish them in the *London Gazette*.

(*Answered by Mr. Pretyman.*) The despatch from the Commander-in-Chief has been received and will be published in the Blue-book to be presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for War.

Interest on Loans for Labourers' Cottages.

Mr. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory): To ask the Secretary to the Treasury whether the four pounds five shillings per cent. charged on loans for labourers' cottages includes a sinking fund.

(*Answered by Mr. Victor Cavendish.*) When the loan is for a period exceeding forty years the rate of interest is 4¼ per cent., exclusive of sinking fund.

Suggested Appointment of Female Factory Inspector for Ireland.

Mr. SLOAN: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether, in view of his intention to increase the staff of factory inspectors next year, he will consider the advisability of appointing a female inspector for Ireland.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) The need for increased inspection in Ireland will be one of the considerations to which I shall give special weight in framing my proposals, but to appoint a lady inspector for Ireland only would be contrary to the system on which the lady inspectors' department is organised, and I can give no promise on the subject.

Vivisection — Inspection of Registered Places.

Dr. SHIPMAN (Northampton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what is the total number of inspections of registered places made during the year 1903 by the inspectors appointed under the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876, in England and Scotland and in Ireland, and how many inspections have been made of each registered place.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.*) The number of visits paid by the inspectors to registered places in England and Scotland was 325, or an average of five visits to each place. Most of the places were visited thrice during the year. I have made inquiries as regards Ireland, and am informed that no record has been kept of the visits to registered places in Dublin, but that it is the rule that each registered place in Ireland shall be visited at least twice a year.

Kurdist Outrages in Armenia.

Mr. BRYCE (Aberdeen, S.): To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he can give any further information to the House regarding the troubles in the neighbourhood of Van, Bitlis, and Barjazid, and the Kurdist outrages reported from that region; and whether it is intended to lay before Parliament Papers regarding the condition of the Armenian provinces.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) His Majesty's Consular Officers in the district of Sassun have reported that the measures taken by the Turkish authorities at the end of June have produced a material improvement in the condition of affairs. The refugees have been reinstated in their homes under the supervision of a Commission, of which Armenian notables form an element. Food has been supplied to them, their cattle is being restored, and their houses rebuilt. The alleged participation of the Kurds in the recent disturbances has not been substantiated, and the orders issued by the authorities were undoubtedly intended to prevent it. There has, unfortunately, been a recrudescence within the last ten days of incursions on the part of revolutionary bands across the Turco-Persian frontier, involving encounters with the Turkish Regulars. The general condition of the Asiatic vilayets appears to be normal, but there is no objection to laying the Papers which relate to the special incidents referred to in the Question.

New School Places Sanctioned under Section 8, Education Act, 1902.

Mr. WHITLEY (Halifax): To ask the Secretary to the Board of Education whether he will state the number of new school places in public elementary schools sanctioned since the Education Act, 1902, came into operation, distinguishing between council schools and each denomination of voluntary schools; the number of notices published under Section 8 of the Education Act, 1902, by local education authorities and by other persons respectively; the number of cases in which a public inquiry has been held; the number of appeals under Section 8 of the Act, by local education authorities and by other persons which have been successful, the number unsuccessful, and the number awaiting decision.

(*Answered by Sir William Anson.*) New school places have been sanctioned under Section 8 of the Education Act, 1902, for—

	Council Schools.		Church Schools.		Roman Catholic Schools.		Total.	
	Number.	Accommodation	Number.	Accommodation	Number.	Accommodation	Number.	Accommodation
New Schools -	136	71,225	15	1,978	3	335	154	73,538
Enlargements -	20	5,231	9	1,073	1	130	30	6,434

Notices under Section 8 of the Education Act have been received from—

	Local Education Authority.	Other persons.	Total.
New Schools - - - - -	338	75	413
Enlargements - - - -	64	39	103
Transfers - - - - -	244	3	247
	646	117	763

Public inquiries have been held in nine cases. Forty appeals have been received against the proposed voluntary schools of which eight have been successful, ten unsuccessful, two withdrawn, and twenty are awaiting consideration. Thirty-two appeals have been received against the proposed council schools, of which five were unsuccessful, four withdrawn, and twenty-three are awaiting consideration.

Operation of Sections 8 and 9 of the Education Act, 1902.

Mr. WHITLEY: To ask the Secretary to the Board of Education whether he will publish a statement, by counties, of all cases under Sections 8 and 9 of the Education Act, 1902, in the Annual Report of the Board of Education, or in a special Return, with such details as will show clearly the operation of that portion of the Education Act.

(*Answered by Sir William Anson.*) I think that the figures I have supplied to the hon. Member in my reply to his other Question to me of to-day, together with the figures which will be published in the Annual Report, will give all the necessary information.

Lighting of Palace Yard and Speaker's Court.

Sir HENRY FOWLER (Wolverhampton, E.): To ask the hon. Member for Chorley, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, whether he will, during the recess, complete the lighting of Palace Yard with incandescent gas lamps and also in the Speaker's Court.

(*Answered by Lord Balcarres.*) The improvement of the lighting of Old Palace Yard will receive consideration in connection with next year's Estimates. As regards New Palace Yard and Speaker's Court great improvement has lately been made, and there does not seem to be a necessity for much greater illumination, but this, too, shall be further looked into.

Statues of King Charles I. and King James I.

Mr. H. C. RICHARDS (Finsbury, E.): To ask the hon. Member for Chorley, as representing the First Commissioner of Works, if the sanction of Parliament will be obtained for the removal of the statue of King Charles the Martyr in Whitehall, and its transference to some equally prominent site; and if he will also state when the statue of His Majesty King James the First will be restored to its original position, or what is the intention of the First Commissioner with regard to that statue.

(*Answered by Lord Balcarres.*) It is not proposed to remove the statue of King Charles the First from its present locality, although it may be necessary to shift its position by a few feet in connection with street alterations. The First Commissioner does not understand my hon. and learned friend's reference to a statue of James the First. If the statue of James the Second lately placed at the west front of the new Admiralty is that alluded to, the First Commissioner has no intention of removing it from its present site, which is, he thinks, generally regarded as an appropriate one.

Religious Services on the Foreshore at Herne Bay.

Mr. McKENNA (Monmouthshire, N.): To ask the President of the Local Government Board whether he is aware that the Urban District Council of Herne Bay has refused to allow religious services to be held on the foreshore at Herne Bay on Sundays; and whether he will cause a statement to be prepared and placed upon the Table showing the powers under the general law by which urban district councils may prohibit religious services from being held upon the foreshore within their area.

(*Answered by Mr. Walter Long.*) I have no information as to the case referred to, but I will make inquiry on the subject. Urban district councils are empowered by Section 164 of The Public Health Act, 1875, to make by-laws for the regulation of public walks and pleasure grounds and in this way can make rules as to the use of these places for the purpose referred to in the Question. In some cases the circumstances are such that by-laws may be made under this section regulating the use of the foreshore. Subject to this there is no enactment in the general law enabling an urban district council to prohibit religious services from being held upon the foreshore within their area.

Board of Agriculture—The Norfolk Advisory Board.

Mr. FREDERICK WILSON (Norfolk, Mid.): To ask the hon. Member for North

Huntingdonshire, as representing the Board of Agriculture, if he will strengthen the advisors to the Board of Agriculture for the county of Norfolk by appointing direct representatives of the smaller farmers, who form the majority of tenants in the county; and, further, if it is intended to give the 33,000 labourers in the county any direct representation on the Advisory Board.

(*Answered by Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes.*) The hon. Member is misinformed in thinking that an Advisory Board has been appointed to give advice to the Board of Agriculture. He refers, I think, to the scheme for agricultural correspondents which has recently been inaugurated by my noble friend. The gentlemen appointed under it, whose duty will be to give information to the Board on local agricultural subjects, were selected with great care by a Departmental Committee from nominations put forward by local authorities as well as by agricultural bodies. My noble friend will, however, be glad to consider any suggestions which might help the better to fulfil the purposes for which the scheme was formed.

9·2 Guns at Aden.

MR. LEVESON-GOWER: To ask the Secretary of State for India whether any ordnance of 9·2-inch calibre and above are kept at Aden unmounted; if so, how long it is intended that they shall remain there; on what date were they originally landed, and from whence were they shipped.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) I regret to say that it would not be expedient, in the interests of the public service, to give the information for which my hon. friend asks.

Successions in Native States in India.

MR. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty): To ask the Secretary of State for India, with reference to the concluding words of a proclamation appearing in the *Gazette of India*, dated 22nd April, 1902, to the effect that the necessary steps will be taken to select a successor to the chiefship of the State, and that the Governor-General in Council will make known hereafter the name of the person so chosen, and with reference to other instances of similar purport, whether the princes and chiefs of India generally, or any of them, have consented to the succession to their States being left to the decision of the Viceroy for the time being; and, if not, will he state under what Act of Parliament does His Excellency the Viceroy in Council claim the right to choose a successor, as indicated in this proclamation.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) The right of the Government of India to regulate successions in native States does not depend on any Act of Parliament, but is universally recognised and invariably observed and acted upon. It was in exercise of this right that, on the deposition of the late Chief of Panna, in circumstances known to the hon. Member, the Government of India selected Jadvendra Singh, eldest son of the deceased Rao Raja Khumar Singh and first cousin of the deposed chief.

Marlborough Street College—Proposed College Residence for Students.

MR. BOLAND (Kerry, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can state the extent and cost of the ground proposed to be taken in connection with the proposed transfer of the Marlborough Street College students to the residence for men and women to be erected on Colonel Lindsay's farm at Glasnevin; the estimated cost of the building for men and women; the estimated cost of furnishing this residential building for men and women students, and making it ready for their occupation; the estimated total cost of the proposed college residence for men and women students; and whether he will publish copies of all reports or correspondence from the professors or directors of the Marlborough Street College as to the suitableness, or otherwise, of the Glasnevin site for college residence, in view of its distance from the present college, lecture halls, and the primary schools.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The area of the site proposed to be acquired is twenty-seven acres. The cost of the ground and buildings cannot at present be given. No reports of the character mentioned have been made by the principals and professors of the college.

Labourers' Cottages and Allotments in Ardee Rural District.

MR. NOLAN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will say how many representation forms for the construction of labourers' cottages have been submitted from No.1 Rural District, Ardee, county Louth; how long are they in hand; what is the reason they are not proceeded with; have the existing labourers' allotments in the same district been increased to an acre as provided in the Act; and, if not, can he state the reason.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) Fifty-three representations have been received by the district council since November, 1900. The council has deferred consideration of them from time to time. None of the existing allotments have been increased to an acre. Nine applications in this respect have been made to the council, but the consideration of these was also deferred.

Sale of Mr. Beresford's Estate.

MR. HAMMOND (Carlow): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether, seeing that an agreement has now been arrived at between Mr. D. W. Pack Beresford, D.L., and the majority of his tenants, for the sale to them of their holdings, he will recommend the Estates Commissioners not to sanction the sale of the estate without reserving the grazing land of 431 acres at Ballycrogue, now held on the eleven months system, which could be conveniently divided amongst, and sold to, the evicted tenants of the samee state.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The application for the sale of the estate, which does not include the lands referred to, is before the Commissioners, who will consider the cases of the evicted tenants. The matter will be dealt with by the Commissioners in conformity with practice and the provisions of the law.

Cost of Draining of River Bann—Omission of item from Estimate.

MR. SLOAN: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will explain why the £1,000 which appeared on the original Estimate for the Ireland Development Grant, as the first instalment towards the draining of the Bann; has been omitted from the revised Estimate.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) I refer my hon. friend to the explanatory statement made by me on Wednesday last in Committee of Supply.†

Irish National School Teachers.

MR. MACVEAGH: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether, in view of the feeling which exists in Ireland concerning the treatment which the new regulations mete out to national teachers placed unexpectedly in grades lower than their respective classes, he will consider during the recess the claims put forward by managers and teachers, to allow such teachers to come up to the grades corresponding to their classes on the conditions required for awarding increments without being subjected to the conditions laid down for promotion.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The position of teachers of high classification who were in the service for some time prior to 1900 is much better under the new system than under the old. The incomes of these teachers under the results system, although fluctuating slightly from year to year, might be regarded as practically stationary. On the introduction of the new system, however, in April, 1900, not only were they awarded incomes at least equal to their average emoluments under the old system for the three years ended 31st March, 1900, but they were at the same time placed on an upward sliding scale of salaries, unless in the few exceptional cases of teachers whose average incomes were equal to or in excess of the highest salary attainable under the new system. In order that teachers may obtain the incremental additions of salary provided under the new system, the Commissioners require that satisfactory service should be given, and, in the case of teachers passing from one grade to a higher grade, the service must be specially meritorious. If a teacher then has not obtained promotion to a higher grade, it is because the conditions which the Commissioners have laid down in their rules, and which they think it would be unwise to depart from, have not been fulfilled.

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† See page 102.

Marine Works (Ireland) Act.

MR. HUGH LAW (Donegal, W.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he can state the amounts of the moneys allocated and unallocated, respectively, under the provisions of the Marine Works (Ireland) Act.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) In the cases of works in which the preliminary negotiations have been concluded and advances have been sanctioned by the Treasury, the total amount of such advances from funds provided by the Act is £21,396. Other works are either before the Treasury for approval or are the subject of correspondence with the Irish Government, and it is not practicable, at the present stage, to state their cost.

Dredger for Irish Coast.

MR. HUGH LAW: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if the dredger, for the purchase of which provision is made in the revised Estimate of the sum required in the year ending 31st March, 1905, for the Ireland Development Grant, is intended to be used on both the eastern and western coasts; and, if not, what portion of the Irish coast-line it is meant to serve.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The dredger will be used, as far as practicable, for harbours generally.

Awards of Arbitrator under the Labourers Acts in the Edenderry Rural District.

MR. DELANY: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that, in a recent award under the Labourers Acts, in Edenderry No. 1 Rural District, King's County, the arbitrator fixed compensation for a plot on Mr. Peter Ennis's farm, Killane, at £6, and increased his rent 9s. 9d. per annum, while he awarded £12, with a reduction of rent, to a neighbouring tenant on land of an inferior quality; and whether, in view of the fact that the arbitrator has, at the request of the district council, agreed to reconsider the award, the Local Government Board will consent to his doing so.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The arbitrator's award in this case provided for a reduction of the occupier's rent by 12s. a year, and not an increase of 9s. 9d. as stated. I refer to my reply to the similar Question on the 27th July by the hon. Member for the Tullamore Division of King's County.†

Church Perpetuity Rents in Ireland.

MR. LONSDALE (Armagh, Mid.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that Church perpetuity rents have been reduced from 1st November last, for fifteen years, at the end of which period the tenants will be entitled to further reduction; and whether, seeing that, under the Irish Church Act, 1869, the redemption price of these rents is fixed at twenty-five years purchase, the Land Commission will be authorised, in fixing the redemption price of these rents, for the purpose of sales to the under-tenants, to take into consideration the further reduction to which the rent would be liable at the expiration of fifteen years if not redeemed in the meantime.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The perpetuity rents payable to the Irish Land Commission have been reduced from the 1st November last in pursuance of the provisions of the 90th Section of The Irish Land Act, 1903. There is no fixed price for the redemption of perpetuity rents. Section 34 (2) of the Irish Church Act, 1869, merely prescribed that "perpetuity rents shall be offered to the owner of the land out of which they issue at a capital sum equal to twenty-five times the annual amount of such rents." In fixing the redemption price of perpetuity rents each case is dealt with on its own merits according as the question of redemption arises.

Consumption of Malt Liquors at Military Canteens in Great Britain and Ireland.

MR. NOLAN: To ask the Secretary of State for War if he can state the number of soldiers (including Militia under arms) stationed in Great Britain and Ireland respectively, during the last seven years, and the quantity of malt liquor consumed in the canteens during the same period.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 134.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) It is not possible to give the hon. Member the comparative figures he requires, as there are no statistics available at the War Office to show the consumption of malt liquor at military canteens.

Somaliland.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): To ask the Secretary of State for War on what ground His Majesty's Government abandoned the intention, recently expressed, to present to the House a Supplementary Estimate in reference to Somaliland, and whether it is intended that any such Supplementary Estimate shall be presented at the beginning of next session for the present financial year; whether the plan adopted by the Government of organising the tribes of the interior for self-defence involves the supply to these tribes of arms and ammunition; if so, what means will be taken to prevent such arms from passing into the hands of followers of the Mullah; and whether he will make any further statement on the subject.

(*Answered by Mr. Arnold-Forster.*) As regards the first part of the Question, it is intended to present the Supplementary Estimate at the beginning of next session. As regards the rest of the Question, I am requested by my noble friend the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to state that it is contemplated, in connection with the organisation of the tribes, to issue a limited number of rifles. The levies so armed will be commanded by selected headsmen, responsible to the Government, and subject to the close supervision of the British officers stationed at Berbera.

Rates and Taxes on Private Property at the Curragh Camp.

MR. KILBRIDE (Kildare, S.): To ask the Secretary of State for War whether he will explain why twenty-eight shops and institutes, built by private speculators on War Office grounds on the Curragh Camp, are not charged for county rates or income-tax; will he state what rates or taxes, if any, are paid by the Government in respect of these premises; whether large drapers' shops and canteens are carried on by limited companies; if these premises were built by public moneys; and what rents are charged for them.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.*) I am informed that no income-Tax is charged on these properties as they were not included in the copy of the poor rate valuation supplied to the Inland Revenue authorities by the county council. In Ireland income tax under Schedules A and B is assessable according to the valuations under the Poor Relief Acts, and the properties appear to form part of those exempted from the poor rate. I have not been able to obtain any information as to the county rates. Drapers' shops and canteens are carried on by the following companies, who pay rent as follows:—

Dickeson and Co., Civilian Canteen	£10
Todd, Burns, and Co., General Store	15
Boyle and Co., General Store . .	8
Boyle and Co., Small Oil Store . .	2
Junior Army and Navy Stores . .	2

Of these the small oil store alone was built with public money.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

Denominational Teaching in Voluntary Schools—Action of the West Riding of Yorkshire Education Committee.

MR. ERNEST GRAY (West Ham, N.): I beg to ask the Secretary to the Board of Education whether his attention has been drawn to the decision of the Education Committee of the West Riding of Yorkshire to deduct from the salaries of voluntary school teachers an amount proportionate to the time spent by such teachers in giving denominational teaching; and, if so, whether, in view of the obligation to maintain these schools, as required by The Education Act, 1902, he will state what action he proposes to take to protect managers and teachers concerned.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Sir WILLIAM ANSON, Oxford University): I have nothing to add to my Answer to the Question on this subject which was addressed to me by the hon. Member for North Camberwell on Monday last.†

NEW WRIT FOR THE CITY OF CORK.

*MR. TULLY (Leitrim, S.), in moving the issue of a new writ for Cork City, said that, according to Sir Erskine May, the acceptance of office legally vacated a seat, and obliged the House to order a new writ. The same authority laid it down that in the case of an acceptance of the Chiltern Hundreds, the statutory power of Mr. Speaker to issue a writ on his own authority during the recess did not apply. That meant that unless a writ were now issued Cork City would be disfranchised for reasons which hon. Gentlemen opposing the issue would not dare to avow to the House. This vacancy occurred as long ago as last November or December, and the reason it was not filled up was that the hon. and learned Member for Waterford went to Ireland and declared that it was no use filling the vacancy, that the Government were in a condemned cell waiting for execution, and that there would be a general election in a few weeks. But what had happened? The Government had come out of the condemned cell, and the hon. and learned Member had gone home with his £8,000 out of the landlord's bonus. Mr. O'Brien, in his recent letters, had adopted a very fair and reasonable attitude, and he (the speaker) agreed with him that the present Government was a most "squeezable" Government so far as Ireland was concerned, if only they knew how to squeeze them properly. For taking that view Mr. O'Brien had been condemned and placed in the same category as he (the speaker). ["No, no."] Here was his declaration in a telegram expressing his scorn at the feline compliments in the resolution passed in Dublin condemnatory of his policy.

*MR. SPEAKER: The question is not the opinion of Mr. O'Brien, but whether the vacancy caused by his acceptance of the Chiltern Hundreds is to be filled up by somebody, not necessarily Mr. O'Brien.

*MR. TULLY said he was merely replying to an interruption. Cork City was being disfranchised because Mr. O'Brien wanted to have common sense and fair dealing in Ireland, instead of menacing agitations which led to nothing except Bills giving bribes to certain landlords, Nationalist and otherwise. But there was another reason why the writ had not been moved for. In the *London Gazette* Mr. O'Brien was described as having accepted the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds, and it was a serious thing in Ireland for anybody to be described as the paid bailiff of His Majesty's Government. In America and elsewhere Mr. O'Brien would be branded as holding paid office under the British Government. A serious precedent would be established by the seat being allowed to remain vacant for so long a period, and it might result in grave consequences. Necessity might arise for an Autumn session to consider a question of peace or war, the decision of which might result upon a single vote, and that the vote of the Member for Cork City. The period during which the seat was vacant would be used to sap and undermine Mr. O'Brien's position, and as any fortress might be reduced in six months, so before next session Mr. O'Brien might be deprived of the right of representing Cork City. He begged to move.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland for the making out of a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Cork in the room of William O'Brien, esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Bonenham, and Desborough, in the County of Buckingham."—(*Mr. Tully.*)

MR. BLAKE (Longford, S.) said that immediately they obtained, upon Mr. Speaker's recommendation, a postponement of the Motion for the issue of the writ for twenty-four hours, he communicated, or tried to communicate, with the Chairman of the Irish Nationalist

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†See (4) *Debates*, cxxxix., 1338.

Party by wire, in order that they might obtain his understanding on the situation. He had been unsuccessful in reaching him, and he had had no response. It was his good fortune, however, to have had a personal conversation with the hon. and learned Member for Waterford on the subject of the Cork vacancy some two or three months ago. The writ had not been moved and was not moved now from the Benches occupied by his Party under these circumstances. After the vacancy occurred, it was intimated to the hon. and learned Member for Waterford by those who were responsible for the conduct of political affairs in Cork, that they did not desire the issue of the writ; and these naturally and necessarily must be the most ardent supporters of the late Member for Cork. His hon. and learned friend intimated his readiness to move for the issue of the writ at any moment at which he might receive an intimation of their desire for it, but on the date to which he had referred he had received no such intimation, and he was quite confident he had received no such intimation subsequently. Nor had he received at that date, and he did not believe he had received since that date, any such intimation from any other quarter. Therefore, as far as his knowledge and belief went, there had been no expression from the City of Cork as to any desire that the writ should be moved for, and the expression from the political authorities had been to the contrary for reasons which were well known, but which were not of the character indicated by the hon. Member for Leitrim. The only intimation he had received since the Motion was proposed the previous day was one from Mr. A. Roche, Lord Mayor of the city of Cork, who wired him, "Defer application for writ for the present." He did not think it necessary to say what were the relations of Mr. Roche to the late city Member, but they were well known to Irishmen. The question must be disposed of by the House upon general constitutional considerations and nothing else.

The only circumstances which could, in his opinion, justify the non-issue of a writ, and the leaving of the city of Cork or any other place unrepresented for a time beyond that which was reasonable, and which both sides might require to make their arrangements, was that there was practically an unanimous feeling on the part of the constituency in favour of that view. [Cries of "No, no!"] That was the only justification which those who were responsible ordinarily for moving for the writ had for not doing so. But there was another security, which might occasionally be abused, but which he thought was a valuable security, and it was the right which, he understood, appertained to any Member to move; this was a right personal to every Member who assumed to himself to represent that general feeling of the body in favour of representation. It was quite true that paradoxically one might say that if the writ had been moved for earlier there would have been something to be said for the Motion which could not now be said. But it was now impossible for a representative of Cork City to take his seat this session; therefore no urgency existed from that point of view. It was true that in this particular case the ordinary right of two Members to address Mr. Speaker during the recess, and so procure the issue of a writ did not obtain, and consequently, unless the writ were now issued, Cork City would be unrepresented during the early days of next session, when exciting events might be occurring. The Nationalist Party had all along recognised that their abstention from moving for the writ could only operate as long as no Member availed himself of his privilege to move independently. That was the extent of their responsibility and the limit of their power. According to the practice of the House any hon. Member had a right to move after giving twenty-four hours notice. As far as he and his colleagues were concerned, they were satisfied that the rights of Parliament and of the City of Cork, and of any minority in that city to be represented in Parliament, were amply secured by the powers possessed by any hon. Member to move for the issue of a writ if he thought fit to do so. Having received no intimation with reference to this matter from any person in the City of Cork the Nationalist party had left to others the task of moving for this writ.

As for their own Party domestic affairs, he did not choose to debate them in the House of Commons. They did not choose to leave those affairs to the arbitrament of the House, and they did not ask the House to pass any judgment upon them. They had been for some time indifferent as to whether their policy received condemnation or praise from the hon. Member who had moved this writ, and they did not recognise him as an advocate of the policy of hon Gentlemen sitting on the Irish Benches. He cared not who the man might be who presumed to bring up their Party domestic affairs in that House, he should decline to debate them. The general considerations he had stated were applicable to the case before them. He regretted that that unanimity which alone could have produced a contented state of things did not exist, but at the same time he recognised the right of any hon. Member to move, and he recognised that it was the duty of the House of Commons to take care that the vacancy should be terminated as rapidly as possible. Although his Party did not chose to move they had no desire to resist the Motion. He might add that the responsibility for the course he had taken rested with himself alone because he had not had an opportunity of consulting his hon. and learned friend the Member for Waterford upon the matter.

Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland for the making out of a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Cork in the room of William O'Brien, esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Bonenham, and Desborough, in the County of Buckingham. —(*Mr. Tully.*)

EAST INDIA REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

Order for Committee read.

*The SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA (Mr. Brodrick, Surrey, Guildford): The task which falls upon me of unfolding the present position of our financial affairs in India is an agreeable one owing to the nature of the statement which has already been placed before the House. It would be ungracious on my part if, on making this annual statement for the first time, I were not to acknowledge the labours of those who have gone before me, notably of my noble friend the Member for Ealing, whom the House has been accustomed to see in this position for so long, who has for nine years made this annual statement, and to whom I think the least I can do is to tender my congratulations on an administration of the finances of India which has enabled him and his Council to leave so satisfactory a legacy to those who have come after them. Now, a large proportion of the figures to which I shall have to allude have already been brought before the House and to a large extent they speak for themselves. But I hope it will not be considered out of place if I endeavour to carry the House with me into a little closer inspection of those figures than is possible from a mere comparison of the receipts of this year with the preceding year. The number of men in this country who, so long as Indian financial matters go on well, come down to this House in order to investigate the general condition of Indian affairs is not very large; but even for those who do so it is not always easy to make the comparison or to realise how great a change there has been from the preceding period in the long continuity of Indian affairs.

Looking at these Estimates for the first time for this year, a casual observer would conclude that the task of the Indian financial Minister was a very easy one. It was pointed out last year that we had for four years Budget surpluses, amounting in all to £11,000,000, and the revised Estimate for 1903–4 shows a result which is exactly in keeping with its predecessors in that respect. I am glad to think that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is not sitting on this Bench at this moment, for if he were, with the difficulties which have beset him this year, he might be inclined to ejaculate, in the well-known phrase, "What a Budget to loot!" We have a good Budget; but I think nobody among my hearers this afternoon will be tempted to forget that the Indian Budget is subject, perhaps more than any Budget, certainly more than the Budget of this country, to great fluctuations and variations. A bad season in India means infinitely more than a bad season in this country. The monsoon affects not only, as a bad agricultural year here affects, a portion of our revenue, but in India almost the whole of our revenue. The revenue of India so largely depends on agricultural prosperity that 18 millions come directly from the land revenue and 20 millions more come from the railways, which are so largely occupied in moving agricultural produce and passengers, the reduction of whose means results in a reduction of freight to the railways. All the necessaries of life are affected in a bad year, and a surplus which looks large may be rapidly diminished by such an eventuality. I think, therefore, that a prudent treatment of Indian finance is incumbent upon us, and that we must not have too great a faith in the continuity of surpluses. The possibility of a bad season is our skeleton at the feast. But there is another consideration which, I think, must be present to the minds of every one of us, and that is that in dealing with Indian revenue we are necessarily dealing with revenue which to a large extent is paid by men who are themselves not far removed from poverty. The poverty of the very poor in India is a thing which only those who have long administered that country can clearly realise, and we cannot keep out of our minds the fact that, dealing with a population whose life is so simple, whose necessaries are so few, but whose continued enjoyment of those necessaries is so precarious, we have no right to trade on revenue even when it appears to be bounding, as this revenue is.

I have nothing to say about the accounts of 1902–3, which have already been placed before the House. They accord closely with the revised Estimates; and the difference on the whole in our favour is only about £330,000, due chiefly to increased receipts from Salt and Customs. In 1903–4 the figures again have shown a marked increase over those which were anticipated. The Budget Estimate was for a surplus of £948,700; the revised Estimate shows an increase of £1,762,500 over that Estimate. The Explanatory Statement shows that substantial increases have taken place with regard to opium, railways, Excise, Customs, salt, irrigation, and land revenue, which justify us in congratulating ourselves on the advancing prosperity of India. On those increases I do not propose to touch but I should like to say one word on the question of salt.

This is a subject which has been so often debated in this House, and on which so much has been written that, in the first year for a considerable period in which it has been possible to make a reduction in the amount of the tax, I think it is only necessary that we should consider how far that reduction has been apparent to the mass of the people. Now, the facts are well known. The tax was reduced by eight annas or 20 per cent. Many doubts were expressed whether that reduction would reach those for whom it was intended. I have been at some pains to discover how far that has been the case. It is by no means easy, owing to the habits of the Indian peasantry, to make out how far the remission of the tax has stopped halfway in its effects, and how far it has gone actually into the pockets of those for whom it was intended. I have asked for evidence from various parts of India, and the difficulty of the subject is shown by, for instance, the case of Delhi. In this town alone there are three distinct prices for retail salt—one price, the lowest, in the market, the next lowest in the shops of good character in the main thoroughfares, and the highest price of all is in the shops not in the main thoroughfares, but in the back streets. In Southern India there is a great contest always raging as to whether the tax should be assessed by weight or by measure. The advocates of both methods show an eloquence and determination which make it very difficult to decide the matter. It is urged on the one hand that it is possible to produce light salt in which the crystals are large and the interstices large. Accordingly the tax having been paid by weight, a large number of measures are sold compared to the weight, and the dealer is recouped. On the other hand it is urged that salt which is not so treated contains an undue proportion of water and therefore weighs heavier. Consequently we are plunged into a sea of doubt whether it is better for the dealer to defraud the consumer by selling him air or water.

The view which has been taken is that we should assess the tax by weight, and that has been done. There seems to be a consensus of all authorities that the Indian peasant is as a rule a shrewd purchaser, that the competition between retail shopkeepers is very keen, and that in most places the retail prices have been favourably affected within a month after the reduction of the duty. That I am sure the House will feel to be a satisfactory conclusion. As to the incidence of the tax, it has been further urged that the tax is a particularly oppressive one and falls upon the poor. I was glad to see that in the discussion last year in the Indian Council a native councillor stated that in his opinion the salt tax was the least oppressive of all taxes levied by the Government in Upper India—that is to say, was least felt. Salt is dearer in the Central Provinces and in Bengal than in the Punjab, but the consumption per head is nevertheless higher in those provinces. One satisfactory point to which all statistics must be subordinated is that in the very first year the increase in receipts from the salt tax owing to the largely increased consumption brought down the loss by nearly a quarter of a million, and I shall presently show the House that the estimate for this year, as indicated by a telegram I have recently received, will probably be exceeded by £200,000.

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON (Middlesex, Ealing): For which year?

Mr. BRODRICK: For the current year.

The other great disturbance of receipts in 1903–4 is due to the larger payments of provincial balances. I think we shall all be glad that the Government of India have exercised their discretion in a good year by increasing the sum paid for the purposes to which the provincial governments are able to apply them. In the last few years of prosperity there has been a considerable increase in this respect. In 1897–8 the special grants-in-aid given by the Government of India to provincial governments amounted to £254,000, in 1898–9 to £805,000, in 1901–2 to £1,362,000, in 1902–3 to £1,432,000, and last year to £2,326,000. Education grants have been made in the last three years amounting in all to £800,000, and in regard to civil works of public utility the amount last year was £727,000. The other sums which have been given have, I think, been of material assistance to the provincial governments and have enabled them to carry on the works and continue to enlarge the sphere of education, on which I shall have something more to say to the House in a few moments. For the present year we have budgeted for a smaller receipt and a larger expenditure. The receipts have fallen because the prices of opium in 1903–4 were reckoned to be abnormally high. The railway receipts have fallen because it was desired to make further provision for special expenditure and renewals. There have been other minor changes which are detailed in the Explanatory Memorandum. There is also a considerable increase of expenditure to meet the expenditure on civil works—£584,000—which will not, I think, be grudged by the House. There are in some other departments rises which mostly explain themselves.

There is also a very considerable rise in military charges. That increase, which now amounts to £1,700,000, is partly due to the fact that troops who have been employed in China and Somaliland come again on the charge of the Indian Government. It is partly due to the increase of pay which has been discussed here on previous occasions, and which will have to be maintained under the scheme of the Secretary of State for War. I am glad to say that the larger proportion of the increase in military charges is of a temporary nature. The increased expenditure on special defences and military works—£242,000—is part of a programme to be completed next year or the year afterwards. The expenditure on artillery and rifles is connected with a scheme of rearmament which we are fortunate in being able to carry out without any change in the other Budget provisions. Beyond that we shall have to face some further expenditure which has recently been demanded of us from India. Lord Kitchener has now been nearly two years in the country. It was expected of him when he went out there that he would undertake to some extent the reorganisation of the equipment and mobilisation of the Indian Army. Everybody who has followed the Army debates in this House knows that in the last five years we have had to incur, quite apart from questions of Army schemes or development, the expenditure of very heavy sums under the Mowatt Committee for improving our equipments for mobilisation. The Indian Army has required similar consideration. Lord Kitchener has gone carefully into the matter. He has brought forward a scheme, after most minute consideration, which is now being carefully gone into by the Indian Government, for the purpose of mobilising a larger number of troops from those already in India than it was previously proposed to mobilise, in the event of trouble on the north-western frontier. The House will, I know, feel with me that, however little we desire to increase the charges for the Army in India, what Army we maintain there must be capable of rapid and effective mobilisation. India must also have its own resources for the manufacture of weapons, so that it may not be dependent on this country in the case of hostility, with the sea between us, and it must also be dependent upon itself for the stores and transport necessary to mobilise its own troops. As regards reinforcements from here, that is a question upon which a great deal of the scheme of my right hon. friend is based. As regards the troops actually in India there can be no doubt that Lord Kitchener is right in taking care that only troops which can be mobilised shall be maintained, and that troops not thoroughly efficient shall be replaced by troops which are efficient or can be made efficient. It is necessary to add something to the charge this year for the purpose of providing equipment and stores; and although I cannot now go into Lord Kitchener's general scheme, it will be brought before us at a later date, after it has been considered by the Government of India. It is thought desirable by all who have to deal with the matter that we should, out of our surplus in the current year, provide extra stores and equipment to the extent of £666,000 as demanded by Lord Kitchener. This we shall find ourselves able to do without the least difficulty from the increased revenue which, according to the present estimate, we have reason to expect.

India is rapidly recovering from the effects of the last famine, and though rains are frequently late, revenue is coming in well, even in the provinces such as Berar, in which the effects of the famine were most severe, and we hope there is no further cause for anxiety, the outlook being distinctly favourable. The Government of India under the present outlook are of opinion that opium will show 115 lakhs more in the present year, salt will produce 30 lakhs above the Estimates, Customs 10 lakhs, railways 50 lakhs, and altogether the excess will be about 230 lakhs. A large estimated increase, to be taken of course with some reservation at this period of the year. Beyond the expenditure on the Army which is contemplated in the Estimates we expect to have to spend an additional 54 lakhs on Tibet, and have also in contemplation some expenditure on the new provincial settlements in Bombay and the Punjab.

SIR MANCHERJEE BHOWNAGGREE (Bethnal Green, N.E.): Am I to understand from my right hon. friend that 54 lakhs is the extent of the cost of the Tibet expedition.

*MR. BRODRICK: Yes, to the end of the year. The material condition of India, as shown by these figures, indicates satisfactory improvement; but I think it is still more satisfactory to note the evidences of recovery from the effects of the desolation caused by the famines of 1896–7 and 1899–1900. The Estimates necessarily show year by year large sums expended by the Government for the relief of India from the devastation caused by famine, for defence, and for developments in good government. The course of British administration has relieved India from wars and civil disturbances which formerly desolated her population, and to a large extent we have relieved India from the consequences of disease and famine. But everybody, I suppose, will agree that, when the history of British administration in India comes to be written, and, if that history were to finally close to-morrow, what our successors and critics would dwell upon would not be the sums we found it possible to devote to measures for the prevention of the disastrous results of wars and famine, or the sums expended annually in improving the civil conditions by good government, but what we have been able to do to render India permanently more free, more immune, from the periodical desolations by famine by which enormous numbers of the population have been swept away. Remarkable figures have been put before us, and even at the risk of wearying the House I will read some of them to show what has been the increase in revenue in proportion to civil population in the last four or five years, following closely on one of the severest famines ever experienced in India. I will take the figures showing the growth of revenue from the year 1899 to 1903. Stamps have risen from £3,265,476 to £3,588,100, Excise from £3,859,942 to £4,925,500, Customs from £2,914,857 to £3,624,200, and Post Office revenue from £1,308,315 to £1,480,800. That shows an all-round increase of nearly 15 per cent. Imports of merchandise have increased from £50,202,000 to £61,718,000, and the export of merchandise has increased from £72,722,000 to £102,476,000. That is an enormous increase. The area under agricultural cultivation in 1899 was 204,000,000 acres, it is now 234,000,000 acres; the area under irrigation has increased by 3,000,000 acres; and the area under cotton, which in 1899 was 8,300,000 acres, has been increased to 11,000,000 acres. I look with great interest on this last-mentioned increase. Of the production of cotton the world has not enough, and great efforts have been made in India both to improve the quality and to increase the quantity. Efforts to produce cotton of longer staple have been made, and though they have not yet been successful, our Lancashire friends tell us that, even though we produce only short staple cotton, that production will be most valuable, and its use will set free the long staple cotton to be used for other purposes. This year the increase has been larger than before. I go on with the figures in relation to railways, and I find that the goods and materials carried in 1899 amounted to 40,000,000 tons, and that amount had risen in 1903 to 48,000,000 tons. The number of passengers carried in 1899 was 163,000,000 and the number had risen in 1903 to 213,000,000, and the increase has been among the poorest part of the population. No less instructive is the growth of private deposits in the banks. The figures show that in the Presidency banks the deposits in 1899 were £7,470,000, and in 1903 the amount was £12,113,000. In joint stock banks the amount had increased from £4,895,000 to £7,263,000, and in postal savings banks the increase was from £6,285,000 to £7,614,000, an increase of 20 per cent. Anybody will see that by these figures the general proposition is established that whereas in old days it took many years for the whole of India to recover from the effects of a famine, that recovery is now complete in a very short period. It is a remarkable fact that in the districts chiefly affected, in the Punjab, the Central Provinces, and Behar, we have reached to-day the position in which we were before the famine occurred; destitution is absent, the demand for labour is again set up, and agricultural production shows a further increase.

An index of prosperity in India is the returns under the head of land revenue, and though I know that the hon. Member opposite apprehends that the collection has been enforced by urgent measures, these have really been of a mild description. I was looking the other day through that admirable book by Sir W. Lee-Warner, the "Life of Lord Dalhousie," one of the greatest of Indian Viceroys, and I was struck by a reference in his diary while on a tour in the North-West Provinces in 1851, five years before Oudh was annexed. In that entry Lord Dalhousie says—

> "All day I heard a heavy cannonading going on, and marvelled to think that we should be able to hear the artillery practice all the way from Cawnpore. Before the evening I discovered it was our neighbours in Oudh collecting their revenue! Nothing more common, people say, all along this border."

It is satisfactory to know that the Army is no longer required for such a purpose.

But if there has been this rapid recovery in India from the effects of famine, may I put before the House for a few moments the facts showing how this has been achieved and how we may carry the process still further? In the matters which have come before our review this year specially reference has been made to railways. In their construction progress has been rapid, according to some people too rapid, according to others not rapid enough. Early last year an investigation was undertaken by Mr. Robertson, whose interesting and comprehensive review has been placed before the House. It shows, I think, that on the whole our rate of progress in regard to railways has been satisfactory. When Lord Dalhousie started in India his policy in regard to railways, in the administration of which he had had considerable share in this country during the forties, he was soon able to point to thirty-five miles in existence. That was in 1854, and in ten years the extent reached 2,234 miles, in 1874 5,638 miles, in 1884 10,784 miles, in 1894 18,459 miles, and in 1904 27,144 miles. I remember that one of the earliest Committees upon which I was privileged to sit was one appointed for assisting the desire of the House that the pace at which railways in India were being constructed should be increased. The pace was increased; in 1894 the number of miles open was 18,459, and last year it was 27,144. It is a large mileage, and it is interesting to compare it with the mileage in other countries. We have in India one mile of railway to every eighty-two square miles of territory and 12,231 inhabitants. I do not know how we may most usefully make a comparison, but I take European Russia, and there I find there is a mile of railway to every sixty-eight square miles and every 3,556 inhabitants; in Siberian Russia there are 1,242 square miles of territory, and 1,499 inhabitants to every mile of railway; and again, taking Japan, there are thirty-three square miles and 12,713 inhabitants to every mile of railway—that is to say, about two miles for one in India, but with a smaller number of inhabitants. That does not complete the story, for Mr. Robertson's Report shows that upon the average of the last seven years 900 miles of railway are added annually. That shows that a considerable change in administration had been going on. The Government had direct financial responsibility in respect of four-fifths of the railways, and had control in some degree over the remainder.

The administration of so large a system requires, I think, a special administrative body. I am all for decentralisation of work so far as it can be accomplished, and I think the Secretary of State for

Mr. Brodrick.

India and the Government of India should give as large powers as they can to those who immediately control this great body of business. We think, therefore, in accordance with the recommendation in Mr. Robertson's Report, that to obtain greater freedom of action, administrative and financial, there should be a delegation of the work of the Secretariat to a Railway Board of three practical men, one to be skilled in matters relating to traffic, though not necessarily with Indian experience. We propose to set up such a Board, giving to it considerable increase of power and responsibility, though we are, of course, bound to preserve the ultimate financial control over the large sums expended to the Secretary of State and the Government of India. But in all minor matters, in questions for better working of the traffic with the companies, for the reorganisation of the staff, for improvements in working of traffic, speed, trains, and accommodation, for greater approximation of fares on different lines and better catering for the public, for the better classification of goods and rates for traffic traversing different lines, for improvements in rolling stock and a more general application of the block system, it is proposed to give authority to the Board. We also propose the institution of an Indian railway clearing-house, and we shall bring managers and locomotive and railway superintendents into closer association. These matters will come within the purview of the Board, who will not necessarily remain at Calcutta or Simla, but will go about to various localities and have direct access to the Council. Generally, responsibility in reference to financial matters will be made more elastic, and we shall do away to some extent with what I am sure the late Secretary of State feels as strongly as I do has been the cause of wasteful expenditure—I mean by the abolition of the 31st March system, by which a sum not expended in the financial year lapsed to the Exchequer. Whatever advantage there might be in this from a Parliamentary standpoint, it has led to wasteful expenditure, and I think we can get over the difficulty, and, leaving the Secretary of State with proper control, we may proceed to delegate to a Board the powers I have mentioned.

From irrigation there is an immediate return, for you have what is, if not actually in the nature of a cure, a palliative of famine. Then we have the railways and branch lines that run into those districts of the Central Provinces where irrigation cannot be carried out as largely as in some other districts. Our whole expenditure on railways amounts to £228,000,000 and our revenue is 4·61 per cent. of our expenditure. The extent of our railway programme is not only a great element of the civilisation we have given to India, but it is one of the best preventives of that visitation of which India suffers so much. An important Report was published during this year of Sir Colin Scott Moncrieff's Committee on Irrigation. That Committee has laid down the limitations as well as the possibilities of irrigation in India. We have afforded protection against drought, but our old irrigation projects have varied enormously in their success and in the return made by them. Some have paid 27 per cent.; others, on the other hand, though a protection against famine, have not been so successful. The main question is not whether these works can be made directly remunerative, but whether the financial burden is too high for protection against famine. I think that the speech which Lord Curzon delivered on the Budget at Calcutta may be studied with regard to the future, and I do not think that I can lay the subject better before the House. Lord Curzon said on that occasion—

> "People sometimes talk as though practically unlimited sums could be spent on irrigation with little or no trouble. They could perhaps be spent, if experiments were rashly made in every direction and if there were no objection to flinging money away. No science, however, demands for its practice more careful forethought and planning or more trained supervision."

It would be wrong if I did not pay some tribute to the engineers on whom we have depended both in regard to railway extension and irrigation. When I went to the India Office a few months ago I found that the abolition of Coopers Hill College had been practically decided upon. A strong Committee had recommended this, and the visiting committee was of the same mind. Engineering opinion in this country was apparently unanimous on this point, that candidates for the Public Works Committee and the Forest Department of India could be obtained, possibly with less cost, with equal efficiency, from the general engineering schools all over the country. In these circumstances it was difficult for any Secretary of State to make out the case he was bound to make out for the maintenance of an educational establishment of his own, if sufficient candidates of merit could be obtained from other educational establishments. The maintenance of Coopers Hill, which has had an excellent record in the past, must have involved a larger charge as time went on. I cannot part from such an institution without regret, for it has maintained a high standard of efficiency and *esprit de corps* among those who went out to India. I only trust that the good feeling and the meritorious work which have been produced through the agency of Coopers Hill may be found prevailing in those candidates coming from the large training centres, and in which work Oxford and Cambridge will, I hope, in future take a share. I hope that this training will give as satisfactory results as we have obtained in the past.

Hon. Members know that India has incurred an enormous amount of debt solely through her reproductive works. Out of £213,000,000 of debt the Indian Government has spent on railway construction £83,000,000, and other railway undertakings cost £85,000,000. They also advanced £11,000,000 to railway companies, or a total in all of £179,000,000. For irrigation works there is a sum of £25,000,000, with a return of 7 per cent. Then there is a gold reserve and cash balances which make up a large figure. Practically we have assets for the whole of our expenditure on debt, and I trust that with a similar prudent management of our finances, enabling this result to be attained, the reproductive public works of India may in the future be satisfactory. But I would urge hon. Members who may be inclined to press either for the reduction of taxation or for any new class of expenditure to remember that we have certain items of government which have by no means reached the ideal point of perfection. I have been asked several times to lay the proceedings of the Police Commission on the Table. That Commission was appointed in 1902, and reported about a year ago. It has undoubtedly shown that reforms are needed in the standard of training, and it has made suggestions as regards pay. I mention this in order that the House may not suppose that we are giving that Report the go-by, and in order to warn the House that it is possible there may be some increased charge in respect of the police in future years. I think it would be unwise, and, indeed, unprecedented, to lay on the Table a Report which finds serious faults with the existing system before we can state the remedies that we propose to apply to them, and which would establish expectations with regard to increased expenditure before either the Indian Government or the Council in London have satisfied themselves of the necessity of that expenditure. But I hope the time is not far distant when we may be able to lay that Report before Parliament.

✓ There is another question which is always before us—the education of the people of India. We are still behindhand with primary education. Out of a population of 240,000,000 it is reckoned that 18,000,000 of boys ought to be at school, but only about one-sixth of these are receiving education. The figures vary very much in different parts of India. In the Punjab and the United Provinces 8 or 9 per cent. are at school; in Bombay or Bengal it goes up to 22 or 23 per cent. The census of 1901 showed that 90 per cent. of the males were still illiterate, and that only seven per 1,000 females were literate. The rate of increase in the schools after 1870 was for a time very rapid, and the 16,400 schools, with 607,000 scholars, which existed in that year had risen in 1881 to 83,000 schools with 2,061,000 scholars. But in 1901, twenty years later, the schools had only risen to 98,500 and the scholars to 3,268,000, out of the 18,000,000 supposed to be of educational age. The expense has risen in fifteen years from forty-two lakhs to sixty-three lakhs. The Government of India remark in the statement they have issued with regard to education that—

> "They cannot avoid the conclusion that primary education has hitherto received insufficient attention, and an inadequate share of public funds. They consider it possesses a strong claim to sympathy both of the supreme Government and of the local Governments."

They go on to add their belief—

> "That the local Governments are cordially in agreement with them in desiring such extension."

That points to a large expenditure of money, and that expectation is fortified by the statement made by the Viceroy in his Budget speech. Lord Curzon said he agreed that education was mainly a matter of money. He referred to the extra grants of forty lakhs, or nearly £270,000, given three years running to local Governments.

> "These grants are in addition to the ordinary educational assignments in the provincial settlements. We have also promised a contribution of twenty-five lakhs to Universities. I should like, however, to go further and provide a serious and sustained expenditure for educational improvement extending over a long series of years."

If we are ever to make the Indian peasant available for some higher work, if we are ever to cause manufactures and industries suitable for India to grow up in India, I think we must prepare for an amelioration of that kind by extending the education of the people. I should be very sorry if we framed our Budget so close that in future years we should have no margin for this work.

The figures I have given have impressed upon my mind the enormous increase in the work of administration which has fallen on the Government of India in the last fifteen years. You cannot have an increase in every department without having an increase also in the responsibility of those at the head of affairs. The Government of India has long been overworked. Of the members of the Council, six in number, two are military members, one is official, and one is legal, and practically the whole Home Office and Local Government Board work of India—far exceeding the work which falls on those Departments in this country—falls upon two men. One of these men in the last few months has broken down under the strain, and has had to go away on a holiday. We hope to relieve that pressure in two ways—first, by delegation in regard to the Public Works Department under the railway scheme, and, secondly, by the extra member of the Council whom, under the Bill which was read a third time last night, we shall have power to appoint and to entrust with duties which will relieve his overworked colleagues. I hope we may find a man thoroughly able to deal with the commerce of India, a Department which has hitherto been shared by others, and which requires the sole attention of one man.

I have nothing more to do but to thank the House for the indulgence with which they have listened to this long statement. I do not profess that it is possible for any man in the course of an hour to make a complete review even of the financial position of India. I have endeavoured to touch a few of the salient points. I am the less anxious to occupy more time because opportunities of discussing India in the House of Commons are not very numerous, and I am here not merely to speak, but to listen. There is one quality which is always the same in these discussions. There is no Party question involved between the two sides of the House. I believe these discussions are an example in that respect. We have fortunately to a large extent in recent years taken the Foreign Office out of the purview of Party discussion. There are signs that we may yet reach the time when colonial affairs may be discussed in the same spirit. I often wish that it could also be applied to the two great services, but that is a Utopian idea. But, at all events, with regard to India, let us keep our good name in that respect. I believe that if to-morrow right hon. Gentlemen opposite replaced us on this Bench the broad lines of policy in dealing with Indian matters which we have pursued would be maintained. The spectacle of a discussion in this House in which there is no Party recrimination, in which there are no personal scores to be made, is as inspiring as it is unusual. Not all the devotion to duty of men who under great difficulties administer these services in India, and not all the ability of the men whom we send out to aid them, would, in a country in which so large a portion of the population is ill-informed, which is so open to prejudice, and in which grievances can so easily be manufactured, have enabled them to carry on their work so efficiently as it has been carried on if it were not that there is in this House no appeal to Party or prejudice, but a calm review of the great issues which are involved. And I believe that the spirit on the part of this House has had a great share in creating that prosperity of the country which has enabled us to have before us those promising figures which I have been privileged to unfold this afternoon.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts)."

*Sir **HENRY FOWLER** (Wolverhampton, E.) said he was sure he was only expressing the general feeling of the House when he said that they had listened with great satisfaction to the lucid, comprehensive, and fair statement of the Secretary for India. Although he might have to differ with the right hon. Gentleman in some of his conclusions, he thought he had put the whole question of Indian administration frankly and fairly before the House and had kept his speech free from those partisan and recriminatory elements to which he had alluded. The right hon. Gentleman was to be congratulated, not merely upon his speech, but also upon his Budget. Whatever might have been the discussions which had taken place upon Indian matters, the story of India's financial condition during the last few years had been not only satisfactory, but marvellously satisfactory. They had now got a separate statement of the accounts, showing exactly the true burden of taxation. The system with which we were familiar in connection with English finance had at last been applied to Russia. He would like to suggest that perhaps a new Secretariat might induce the right hon. Gentleman to introduce further uniformity in the accounts. It would be a great reform if the various figures and details of the accounts were stated in pounds as well as in rupees. He noted that the right hon. Gentleman in his Memorandum did that, but it was not done in the Indian Statement, where the totals were set out in lakhs and crores of rupees. The real net revenue for

1903 was £44,780,000, and the Budget of the right hon. Gentleman was based on an estimated revenue of £45,844,000, and an expenditure of £44,925,000. The surplus of 1903 was upwards of £3,000,000 and of 1904 of £2,750,000. He did not think the right hon. Gentleman had appreciated the enormous surpluses in the Indian accounts. Taking a range of five years, the surpluses amounted to the sum of £15,165,000.

The right hon. Gentleman made a very ingenious defence of this budgetting for apparently small surpluses and the realisation of large surpluses. They were familiar with such things in this country. Mr. Lowe had a reputation for budgetting for a less income than he would probably receive and a larger expenditure than would probably be incurred, and then when the time came for the presentation of his Budget the House and country were lost in admiration of the financial prudence of the statesman who produced such a large surplus each year. The right hon. Gentleman had said there was an uncertainty about Indian Budgets. Well, there was an uncertainty about all Budgets, but they must deal with probabilities, and when the surpluses ranged over such a period as five years, he thought they were on pretty safe ground. One of the native members of the Legislative Council of the Viceroy, in the very instructive and interesting debates in the Viceroy's Legislative Council, called attention to this matter. He said that during the last four years the amount of the surplus had been uniformly understated. In 1891, the actual surplus was £1,670,000; the next year the estimate was £690,000 and the result £4,950,000; in 1902 the estimate was £837,000 and the actual surplus £4,950,000; in 1903 the surplus was £3,069,000 and in the Budget for 1904 the revised Estimate was brought up to £2,711,000. One effect of this system of underestimating surpluses was to encourage what were euphemistically termed special grants, but which were in reality grants for objects which the Government did not contemplate at the time the Estimates were framed. The hon. Member further pointed out that but for this system the Government would be obliged either to make a substantial reduction in taxation or to bring forward schemes for the real improvement of the administrative machine. Finally, the speaker he was quoting went on to show how the course which had been followed encouraged reckless expenditure. He recommended the right hon. Gentleman to give this matter his first consideration, because his defence of these extravagant surpluses, if ingenious, was not convincing. Personally, he agreed with the Member of the Council, that the Estimates should show as nearly as possible the probable income and expenditure, and he would commend to hon. Members generally a careful study of the full report of that debate on Indian finance to which he had been referring.

Lord Curzon had called attention to the fact that there had been no reduction of taxation in India for twenty years until the reduction was made last year. There might have been and ought to have been. He thought the salt tax might have been reduced earlier. The result of that reduction had been a decrease in the revenue—much less than was contemplated—and a large increase of consumption. There had happened what always happened in this country, that when taxation was taken off an article of general consumption it was followed by increased consumption. The salt tax in India was difficult to deal with, because they could not abolish it without parting at once with a great source of revenue, which was not unlike the income-tax here. It could be raised and developed rapidly. It had a universal bearing and fell on the whole population. Therefore it should be kept in times of peace as low as possible. He thought a reduction of the tax in the present circumstances of India would be very desirable and he could not understand why there should not have been some reduction in taxation this year. The taxation in India at the present time represented 1s. 10d. per head of the population. That was, of course, exclusive of the land revenue. But that was not taxation. The land in India belonged to the Government, and the revenue for it represented rent for tenure.

One point which merited attention was the increase of Indian trade. India had been forgotten in the last twelve months as a trading country of importance to the Empire, though it ranked above our other dependencies. The fact that last year the aggregate imports and exports of India reached £164,000,000 gave some idea of the magnitude of the transactions, and showed how impossible it was to ignore India in any considerations affecting the trade and commerce of the Empire. The receipts from railways provided for the payment of all the interest on the capital expended in construction and yielded a net profit of £854,000 for the benefit of the Exchequer. He hardly agreed with the complaint as to the slowness of railway construction in India during the last ten years. There were now something like 27,000 miles of railway, and last year 3,000 miles were under construction. With regard to the currency, the present system had been tried for five years. The scheme was entered upon with great anxiety and a considerable amount of doubt. It was prophesied that it would eventually be necessary for this country to borrow largely to supply India with gold to carry out the scheme. The Currency Committee which considered the subject recommended that the Indian Government should not be allowed to treat the profit from silver currency as an element of income, but that it should be kept in a separate account in order to provide against any possibilities that might happen. The result had been a net profit from the coinage of silver which, with the accumulated interest, amounted to £6,376,000, and was bringing in an income of £166,000 a year. That was ample justification of the Committee's recommendation and the legislation which followed. In addition to that, the currency reserve in the hands of the Government was £10,500,000 in gold, so that if any catastrophe should happen in India there was this available surplus in gold, and nearly £6,500,000 invested in sterling Government securities which would be available also.

He now came to a point where he was not in so much agreement with the right hon. Gentleman. The military expenditure last year was £16,784,000, and the Budget estimate for this year was £18,215,000. For a number of years military expenditure had been rising very rapidly, and the right hon. Gentleman held out no hope of a decrease. He had always thought that India was treated very unfairly in reference to military expenditure. A heavy burden was placed on India in respect of the Army and in relief of Army expenditure in this country. The Report of the Royal Commission on Military Expenditure in India was, from the historical and literary point of view, a valuable document on Indian taxation past and present, but from the point of view of practical recommendations it was unsatisfactory. The recommendations were singularly below what the evidence called for, and he thought the Report could not be accepted as a final settlement, and that the views entertained many years ago by the Duke of Argyll and Lord Northbrook were the sound views as to the proportion which India ought to pay England. The right hon. Gentleman rightly attached great importance to the necessity for rapid mobilisation. He would not presume to express an opinion on military questions, but he remembered that, when he was in office and it was necessary to take steps to rescue English subjects shut up in Chitral, the Indian Government mobilised and sent across the frontier in three weeks with complete equipment a force of 15,000 men; a thing which military men said at the time could not have been done by the War Office at home. It was so thoroughly well done that the expedition was rapidly brought to a close. The right hon. Gentleman could not be surprised, therefore, if he looked with some suspicion upon the statement that we were very defective in our preparations for mobilisation in India, and that a large expenditure was necessary to bring them up to a proper standard. He hoped that when the Government of India and the Secretary of State in Council had come to a decision as to the increased military expenditure which Lord Kitchener recommended, that decision would be laid before Parliament before Parliament was committed to it. In the debate in the Legislative Council there was no carping or parsimonious criticism of this military expenditure, but there was evidently a very strong feeling as to the unfairness of the present arrangement between the two countries, and a great dread of this rapidly increasing expenditure.

There was one item in this year's Budget as to which they did not know exactly where it was going to end, and that was the expenditure on the expedition to Tibet. He thought they were entitled to ask the right hon. Gentleman to say what really was the intention of the Government in regard to that expenditure. What the Indian Government had asked the House for was really a small sum, which would not cover anything like protracted military operations. He would not go into the past history of the expedition; though he did not understand why it was undertaken, and what we could gain if it succeeded. But he did want to know from the Secretary of State what was the intention of the Government in the future. What were they likely to do in the next six months? In November last there was the telegram sent defining the policy of the Government. On 13th April he put the matter to the Prime Minister in these words—

> "I may say in passing that the principle that there would be no annexation, no interference with Tibet internally, no appointment of any Resident, and no protectorate, laid down in that telegram, was also next day repeated by Lord Lansdowne to our Ambassador in China. He was informed that as soon as reparation is obtained a withdrawal should be effected, the Mission having been undertaken for the sole purpose of obtaining satisfaction. That is a distinct utterance, and what we now want, if I may say so respectfully, is that the Prime Minister, without any qualification, and without any doubt, should lay down the line which he intends, so long as he remains in office, to follow with reference to the question of our position in Tibet."

To that the Prime Minister gave a very clear and distinct answer. There was no unsettled conviction in his mind on the matter, and it was well that his words should be repeated, so that the House might have them fresh in its mind. The right hon. Gentleman said—

> "I do not want anything to do with the Tibetans in a political sense. Let the Tibetans manage their own affairs. Let them keep themselves to themselves. I desire nothing better. But if their wish to exclude foreign influence is to be used against us, but is not to be used against others, then it will be admitted by every hon. Gentleman in the House who has seriously considered this problem that a very different state of things presents itself than that with which we have to deal with at the present time. As appears from the Blue-book, Russia, at the present time, has absolutely declared not merely that she does not mean to occupy Tibet in a military sense—of which I am not seriously afraid—but that Tibet is outside her sphere of influence, and that she does not desire to have a Resident there, or to exercise power, or authority, or influence there. Sir, I accept absolutely that statement; and, that being so, I am not able to imagine a contingency which would compel the Government to abandon that policy which has been so clearly expressed in the despatch of 6th November last. Our wish is to live at peace with Tibet; to leave Tibet independent; to have no responsibility as regards the internal affairs of Tibet; not to keep a Resident in Tibet, with the responsibility which inevitably attaches to keeping a Resident there."

He thought that before the House broke up, Members were entitled to know whether that was still the decision of the Government, because, according to signs to which they could not shut their eyes, there was evidently a movement in certain quarters in favour of having a Resident in Tibet. He thought that would be a dangerous proceeding, especially in view of what happened in Cabul when Cavagnari as the English Resident was forced upon the people of Afghanistan. We should be unable to protect a Resident in Lhasa except by means of a large expenditure; such a course would arouse a spirit of religious fanaticism; and he did hope that the right hon. Gentleman would tell the House that there was no fear that such a policy would be adopted. He was one of those who did not apprehend danger on the North-West Frontier. He was one of those who believed that it was to the interest of this country and India that our relations with Russia should be of the most friendly character, and that the time would come—as he believed it had come in time past and advantage had not been taken of it—when we should have a clear and distinct understanding with Russia on this point, and that the two great Asiatic Powers should define what their spheres of influence were to be. He thought that an enormous expenditure would be saved to this country if we could allay to some extent the suspicion of an invasion of India. He would suggest to the right hon. Gentleman that in the archives of his office he would find the opinions of, with one solitary exception many great generals who had been connected with India against, he might almost say, the possibility of an invasion by Russia.

He could not sit down without one remark bearing upon the Viceroy. In spite of disagreement in some particulars he was not disqualified from expressing his strong opinion of the great services Lord Curzon had rendered to India in the last five years. He went to India with some very noble ideals in reference to a variety of subjects with which he intended to grapple, and when they looked back to the history of the past five years they saw at once that with many of these he had dealt successfully. He had dealt with financial reform, and to him and to the noble Lord opposite must be given the credit for what had been done in that regard. He had dealt with education; he had dealt with the railway question, with irrigation, with education, with the Civil Service, and every branch of Indian administration. He had also grappled with the worst famine of modern times. He thought it was due to Lord Curzon, when criticisms were passed which might appear to conflict with his views, to say that in the main character of his administration he had the confidence of all Parties.

*SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): No, no!

MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) also dissented.

*SIR HENRY FOWLER said that in that case he would withdraw the statement. He was speaking of the Viceroy's internal policy and not his military policy, and he mentioned great items of that policy, education, irrigation, and financial reform, matters which to so large an extent went to make up the life and history of the Indian people, and in regard to which he, personally, thought Lord Curzon deserved well of this country. Without presuming to express the opinion of anybody else, he felt that he would not be doing justice to himself if he did not say openly and before the world that which he believed with regard to Lord Curzon.

With reference to the India Council Bill, he cordially supported it, with this qualification: while admitting there must be additional members of the Council in order that the great and growing home work of India might be carried on, he thought that two military members was too large a proportion of the Viceroy's Cabinet. In the Cabinet at home there was only one representative of the War Office, and he could not see the necessity for a larger number in the Indian Council. On the whole he thought that the statement which the right hon. Gentleman had made was eminently satisfactory. We were proceeding rapidly, and, he thought, safely, and he believed that the position of our administration in India was never more satisfactory to this country and never conferred greater benefits upon India than at the present moment.

*LORD GEORGE HAMILTON said he desired to associate himself with his right hon. friend the Member for Wolverhampton in congratulating the Secretary of State on the lucid speech he had made. His right hon. friend had a most satisfactory statement to unfold, and he was glad to see that, so far from being elated by it, a precautionary note ran throughout his speech. It was quite true that, as regarded trade returns and other criteria by which the prosperity of a country was gauged, the case of India now responded satisfactorily to those tests; but his right hon. friend must recollect that there was very little taxing power behind the present system of taxation in force in India. His right hon. friend the Member for Wolverhampton thought that the Indian Government ought to remit taxation rather than continue to budget with the idea that the original Estimates would be largely increased. He was not quite sure of the wisdom of that advice. Popular as it might be to remit taxation, it was tenfold more unpopular to have to reimpose it, and it would be very difficult for his right hon. friend to select any tax from the list of taxes now in force which he would be ready to remit permanently; and, looking to the immense extent to which India was dependent for her revenue on good seasons, it would be a most risky thing to remit a tax which, if financial difficulties arose, they would not be able or willing to reimpose. It must be remembered, too, that these large surpluses were not wasted. They all went to diminish the amount of borrowing that would otherwise be necessary for carrying out public works in India. The process that took place was a two-fold one. The surpluses reduced the amount borrowed for unremunerative purposes, and the amount by which it was so reduced was put into remunerative enterprises. Therefore the Indian Government were making a banker's use of the surpluses for the benefit of the Indian people. It must be remembered that if they pushed the railway and irrigation programme beyond a certain point they had mainly to depend on the English market for loans. He would rather retain the whole of these surpluses and find the ways and means for the continuance of the construction of public works in the Indian market than year by year come to the London market.

He entirely agreed with his right hon. friend that it was not advisable to produce the Report on the new Police scheme until the Indian Government and the Council of the Secretary of State were agreed as to the form they would adopt. His right hon. friend spoke of the increasing demands made upon him for military purposes. He had all his life fought for economy, and he had kept down expenditure in India as far as he could; but he recognised that we had probably the ablest administrator this country had produced for many years past as Commander-in Chief in India, and he was an economical administrator. Therefore he would be disposed to give every consideration to any mature request Lord Kitchener might make. If an increase in military expenditure was demanded his right hon. friend might, he thought, insist on Lord Kitchener using all his exceptional powers of discrimination to get rid of or diminish those portions of the Indian native establishment which were not up to modern requirements. He had listened with great satisfaction to his right hon. friend's statement of the manner in which the salt tax had recouped itself. There had been an increase of £200,000 this year on the Budget Estimate, and the Budget Estimate was an increase of £180,000 on the Estimate of last year; that was to say, that although the reduction of the salt tax gave back in taxation about £1,100,000, the increased consumption had already recouped the revenue to the extent of £360,000. That seemed to him conclusive evidence that the tax was too high. He would like to see this tax allowed to go on recouping itself in this way. The process gave relief to the taxpayer and formed a financial reserve which could be relied upon in times of emergency. The only other financial reserve which the Indian Government possessed, as far as he knew, was that which came from railways and irrigation. The building receipts were certainly in a most satisfactory state. They were going on year by year, getting a larger net return after payments for interest and working charges, and the working charges included an annuity of £600,000, which was to run for fifty years, and at the termination of that period the Indian Government would be in possession of a magnificent railway property which was now valued at £85,000,000, and which, he thought, paid something like 5 per cent. Under the public works system, therefore, a two-fold process was going on by which India's indebtedness would be reduced. On the one hand the unremunerative debt was being steadily diminished, and on the other, under the system of terminable annuities, the Government was making steady progress towards the acquisition of this magnificent railway property.

He was glad that his right hon. friend was giving serious consideration to alterations in the railway administration of India. He entirely agreed with the proposal to establish a Commission to regulate railway enterprise and to manage the Indian railways. He thought the great difficulty would be to find eligible people in this country who would be willing to form that Commission. It ought to consist of first class railway experts. In view of the large salaries paid to first class railway experts here he doubted whether the Indian Government would be able to offer sufficient salaries to induce the best men to go out. No doubt there were many engineers connected with the railways of India who had done their work admirably, but no one could tell in anticipation whether a good engineer would be a good railway manager so far as financial results were concerned. What they wanted in India was not so much engineers as managers who could look into small details in connection with the handling of traffic. His right hon. friend went on to say that the Government of India were very properly spending a large sum on irrigation, and there he would like to put in a word of caution. Many of his friends in this House and outside seemed to think that because India suffered from drought, all that was necessary was to make irrigation canals and ditches, and that there always would be a supply of water. The only test of whether irrigation works were worth constructing was whether they would pay or not. Certain works paid magnificently, while there were others made under different conditions which did not pay their way. It must be a matter of great satisfaction in India that there had been developed there a school of irrigation engineers who were the foremost in the world. All the magnificent results attained in Egypt had been achieved by Indian engineers, and he thought the House might rest assured that the Indian Government, with the advice at their disposal, were not likely to get into any trouble in connection with irrigation schemes. With regard to Coopers Hill College he was sorry in one sense that it had been decided to abolish it. He fought for that institution as long as he could. The main reason for abolishing it was that it was most desirable that in a profession like engineering the door should be open to poor men. The fees at Coopers Hill were so high that it cost more for a man to get into the Public Works Department than into the Indian Civil Service. There was also a considerable annual charge on the revenues of India in connection with the college. The only way a wider selection could have been obtained would have been by decreasing the fees largely to the students. The college had a good record. The old Fellows of Coopers Hill had done splendid work in India. He was confident that with the immense development in engineering education in recent years the Indian Government would have no difficulty in obtaining competent men to enter the public service at considerably less cost.

He had defended the Indian Government before now for sending the diplomatic expedition into Tibet. His right hon. friend had stated that he could not understand why the Indian Government had insisted on sending that expedition. It could be summed up in a sentence. We had made treaties with Tibet, and the Tibetan authorities deliberately declined to give effect to their own treaties. The Government of India was composed of a network of treaties, and we could not allow any Power to flout its obligations. In his opinion there never was an instance in which Indian opinion was more unanimous than in regard to the expedition to Tibet. The Indian Government and the Council of the Secretary of State were unanimous on this matter. If any mistake was made it was that when we first sent the expedition we allowed it to stop too long at one place. For that he must take his share of blame. He was perfectly certain that the Government would not submit to the insults of a clique of monks intoxicated with a sense of their own sanctity. The only method was to be firm and uncompromising, not in our terms, which might be considerate and generous, but in our procedure, and he was quite sure that under the control of his right hon. friend and Lord Curzon there would be no undue compromise in dealing with Tibet.

What to him and his right hon. friend was most satisfactory to know was that one of the main contributing causes of the financial prosperity of India was the success of the currency reforms. That task was not so easily achieved because there was a large number of Members of this House who called themselves currency reformers, and who were strongly opposed to any principle other than that of bi-metallism They attacked their opponents vehemently and held out the wildest expectations of prosperity to all who adopted their policy. Some years had passed since then, and he thought his friends, the currency reformers, could now smile at their own speeches. He noticed with some little satisfaction that no small portion of his old friends the reformers had given up currency reform and were concentrating their attention on fiscal reform. He did not want to prophesy, but he had very little doubt that five years hence the inexorable logic of facts would compel them to smile just as much over their speeches on fiscal reform as they did now over their speeches on bi-metallism.

He was very glad that Lord Curzon was able to return to India. He had over and over again in this House given his opinion and estimate of the valuable work his Lordship had done in India, and he sincerely trusted that the continuation of his labours would not be beyond the capacity of his physique, for he never saved himself if he believed any public duty was to be performed. They might look forward certainly to a financial and economic future of India with confidence. The great mass of the community in India were very poor, but there were indications in many directions of slow and gradual industrial improvement. There always would be difficulties associated with our rule in India, but those difficulties were not inherent in the system which we took over, but largely the result of our own creation. He thought we ought to take warning from what had occurred in the past. Speaking the other day at a public meeting, Lord Curzon, while paying a tribute to the extraordinary eloquence and ability of three great men — Edmund Burke, Lord Macaulay, and Mr. Bright — all of whom had spoken or written much about India, observed that that which, to a large extent, vitiated their utterances about India was that they did not understand the country. Unpalatable as that statement might have been, he believed that, to a large extent, it was true. Here were three remarkable men, the product of their successive generations, who represented the utilitarian school of their day. They were brought up and belonged to a certain section of English society whose ethics, standards, aims, and motives, admirable in themselves, had little or nothing to do with the aims and instincts of the Hindoo or Mohammedan peoples of India. They believed that reason, logic, and arithmetic were to regulate the movements of men and regenerate the condition of mankind, and they thought that sentiment and tradition and race feeling would all be dominated by the common sense arguments of utilitarian progress. Whatever was good in this country, it seemed to them, must necessarily be good in India. We had legislated in the past on that principle. The test we had imposed on men holding positions in that country was the last kind of test that would ever occur to a Hindu or a Mohammedan. We were desirous of improving India intellectually, and instead of beginning from the foundation and building up a good system of primary and technical education, we commenced by erecting great colleges, and making the attainment of English degrees as cheap in India as possible, with the result of turning out numbers of young graduates who had no means of livelihood except Government appointments, and those who did not get Government appointments spent a good deal of their time in attacking the Government. It was greatly to the credit of Lord Curzon that he had contrived to deal with matters relating to the condition of the people with the skill and judgment which he had shown.

Lord George Hamilton.

The great danger to the future of India, he believed, was the rapid adoption of European methods. There was one body connected with the Indian Government who were always very cautious and very circumspect, and that was the Council of the Secretary of State for India. It was composed of men who were the very pick of the Indian Civil Service, who had spent the whole of their lives in that country, and, as far as a European could, had mastered the instincts and aspirations of its people. On the other hand, the Viceroy's Council was to a considerable extent composed of Englishmen who, up to the date of their appointment, had never been in India. Between these two bodies there were sometimes differences of opinion, and these divergencies, and the delay which they necessarily entailed, were very beneficial to India. Clumsy as apparently was the two-headed system of Indian government, on the whole it worked well. To have built up an autocratic Government at the other end of the world upon an Act of Parliament of a self-governing people was a very difficult task. Sufficient power had to be given to the Government there; sufficient control retained by the Parliament here. He believed that task had been successfully accomplished. He believed that the machine worked well, and his right hon. friend in his clear and lucid speech had shown that its products were good.

***SIR MANCHERJEE BHOWNAGGREE**: Since the last financial statement of the Secretary of State for India was laid before this House, there has been a change in the *personnel* of that office. A Minister to whose lot it had fallen to expound the Indian Budget no less than thirteen times to Parliament, and who had been a prominent figure for that number of years in the administrative machinery of our Indian Empire, has since then severed his connection with her affairs. I can recall no other instance of a Minister of the Crown whose official association with India had extended over so long a period, or whose services to that country had been rendered through such eventful times as those of the noble Lord the Member for the Ealing Division of Middlesex. It is but natural that some of the acts performed during that long tenure should evoke severe criticism and differences of opinion, and the noble Lord had, it must be admitted, his full share of both. Perhaps he had even to bear the brunt of disparagement and aspersion for certain acts which went forth in his name, but to which, if the truth were known, he would be found to have offered resistance that had to give place to the major judgment of his colleagues. However that may be, I believe there is not one among hon. Members here or among those who are acquainted with his work who would deny that on the performance of his high duties he brought to bear a rare singleness of purpose, unabated zeal and industry, sincere sympathy with the interests confided to his care, and, in the latter years of his career, a matured experience and intimate knowledge of most of the intricate problems of Indian administration. He was truly a veteran Secretary of State.

The task that devolves on his successor in the performance of those duties is not an easy one. But the right hon. Gentleman who has succeeded to the position vacated by the noble Lord is not new to the responsibilities of high office; his acquaintance with important departments of the State is both wide and varied, and the statement he has just submitted to the House happily proves that he has made himself familiar with the affairs placed under his administration. It is his good fortune to be able to give an account of the revenues and expenditure of India during a period of prosperity when she has been comparatively free from famine, the Budget for which shows a large surplus on the right side. The previous five years Budgets had also resulted in like surpluses in a varying degree, and the most remarkable feature of last year's finance is that so large a surplus has been secured after a remission in taxes was effected to the extent of about £1,200,000. This is, doubtless, very gratifying, but, on the other hand, when we consider that India, on the whole, is a poor country, and the incidence of taxation on her people, especially on the agricultural and labouring classes, is heavier than they can bear, the first duty of the Administration, in case of having such surpluses at its command, is to effect further reductions in the burdens that fall on them directly.

A sensible reduction in the demand for land revenue, especially in those provinces where it presses more severely on the exhausted resources both of the cultivators and the soil, would not only afford direct relief, but possibly recoup itself by drawing more land into cultivation. The next and perhaps more pressing obligation for relief in taxation is with respect to the duty on salt. The small reduction made last year was received throughout the country with feelings of gratitude, not so much on account of the actual remission as for the prospect it held out that, once Government admitted the pressure of its burden on the poorest of the country, they would be persuaded to make further reductions. I regret that that anticipation has not been realised. I account for it on two suppositions. One is that the Government are apprehensive that if they reduced the tax appreciably they would find it difficult, if not impossible, to increase it again should it be found necessary to do so. The second is, that that is the only tax which reaches certain classes of the people who are otherwise immune from all public burdens. With regard to the first, let me hope that the sources of revenue at the disposal of Government in ordinary years are copious enough to raise the necessary revenue, but in the next place, it is not unreasonable to expect that, by making a further remission when the state of the finances allow of it, as it does at present, the people will be taught not to grudge a temporary increase should circumstances in future make it indispensable. As regards the second assumption, I would point out that the very poorest classes, who feel the weight of this tax to be almost intolerable, are in a condition of existence which can be likened to that of those who seek Poor Law relief in this country. By their toil and thrifty ways of living they contribute to the wealth of agricultural and trading interests, so that, after all, if not in coin, certainly in kind, they contribute to those sources from which the public revenue is derived, and I think they should not be subjected to any further exaction by the State, except under the most imperious necessity. On these grounds, I beg to invite my right hon. friend to prevail upon the Government of India to remit the salt tax further in future years, and I shall be glad to see it reach the vanishing point.

There are many topics of engrossing interest in the financial statement which I should like to notice, but I regret the time at our disposal will not permit of it, especially as I have to deal principally with the Amendment which stands in my name. It is a pity that the arrangements in vogue for the discussion of this Budget in Parliament do not allow of justice being done even to the most important items of the affairs of this great portion of the British dominions, as they have to be discussed at a time when all life and interest are gone out of the House. I think an earlier day in the session would to a certain extent remove this complaint and permit of a larger number of hon. Members taking an interest in the debate. That circumstance itself would be regarded with great satisfaction in India, for the people there like to feel that the control of Parliament over the affairs of their country is real and not merely nominal or theoretical. I trust we shall see some improvement in this direction next year; for the present, I shall try to confine my remarks to two subjects out of the many suggested by the Statement issued as a Blue-book in June last. I am gratified to see that the Government of India has in earnest begun some activity towards the development of industrial and technical education. The House will recollect my bringing under its notice this great need of India repeatedly in previous years, and can well understand the satisfaction I feel at the realisation of some of my wishes in that connection. The subject has received comprehensive treatment at the capable hands of Lord Curzon, who has wisely invited the co-operation of local administrations in carrying out the project of which he has laid the foundation, and it will now depend on the provincial authorities to prosecute the scheme, adapting it to local ways, means, and requirements. I would suggest to the Government of India to require their subordinate administrations to send in a quarterly report of their proceedings with respect to this department of public instruction, for the subject is a wide one and difficult to pursue, and unless the official interest in it is sustained there is risk of failure. One part of the new scheme which to my mind is fraught with much promise for the future is the provision made by the Government of India to send students from India to Europe and America to pursue a course of technical instruction. This reminds me that my right hon. friend, through the proper department in his Office, can do much to ensure the success of this experiment. He can help the students to get admission into factories and workships which otherwise might be barred against them, and organise such supervision as would ensure their diligently pursuing the instruction they are sent to acquire.

I am afraid the importance of securing for India the benefit of such training has not been fully realised here. It was with the object of bespeaking the Secretary of State's interest in this respect that a few days ago I asked him certain questions about the Imperial Institute, and I regret to say the replies given were far from satisfactory. I suggested that arrangements might be made for the training of a few post-graduate students of Indian Universities in the chemical laboratory of the Institute, so that the work done at this distance for India might be, in course of time, performed on the spot. India not only contributed £114,000 through the Government to the Institute, but, together with other donations, no less a sum than £150,000 is the aggregate of the Indian donations to it, besides defraying the cost of large art collections and trade products. She is still making an annual grant to it, and now that the Institute is taken over by the Imperial Government, on the Secretary of State lies the responsibility of seeing that India's interest in the Institute is properly cared for. I happen to have seen a great deal of the working of that establishment from the first, and I have a strong impression that a part of the sum I have mentioned, I think about £40,000, was appropriated to the Endowment Fund, and I claim that the interest of it ought to be spent for the direct benefit of India. It must be deducted from the annual grant now paid from Indian taxes to maintain the Indian section of the Institute, and that, as a small return for the large contributions made to it by India, its laboratory should afford instruction to a few capable students. If the Imperial Institute were given over altogether to the London University, I believe its authorities would gladly accept such a proposal. The reply of my right hon. friend to my question suggesting this course was that he was not aware that graduates of Indian Universities desired to be trained in the laboratories, and that he did not feel it necessary to move in the matter. I regard this as an unsatisfactory reply, manifesting that the Department under him, to which this subject was referred, is unaware of the interest aroused in India in technical and scientific instruction, and the desire that prevails among the educated classes to avail themselves of any means by which it can be obtained. I am afraid that Department will have to acquaint itself better with the wants and wishes of the Government and the people of India, and rouse itself to greater activity if it desires to respond to and sympathetically support the laudable endeavours of Lord Curzon to supply the crying need of practical technical instruction there. I am sure the right hon. Gentleman knows that his predecessor took a very deep interest in this question, and I trust I am not over confident in expressing the hope that he also will regard it as closely associated with the future industrial prosperity of India and deserving of all the encouragement that he personally, as well as through the machinery of his Office, can give it. We have ample evidence every day of the conspicuous efforts made by Governments of the most progressive countries to foster among their people a desire for efficient industrial and scientific training, and to provide them as far as possible with the means of attaining it. It has now come to be recognised as a paramount State concern to direct the energies of the people in that channel. If this be so with regard to countries where large industries, carried on with the aid of all the most recent scientific knowledge and appliances, abound, how much more obligatory is it on the administrators of a country like India, many of whose old industries have disappeared under the invasion of foreign manufacturing nations, and whose people have consequently largely lost their occupations in craftsmanship, to guide them in the path of such pursuits?

I wish to associate myself with the high eulogium passed on Lord Curzon by the previous speakers. He has well deserved the compliment by the valuable services he has rendered to that country, and one feature of his recent utterances which has struck me very forcibly is the acknowledgment of the value he attaches to the friendship of those sovereign chiefs in India, whose loyalty and allegiance are as bulwarks to the edifice of the Empire. These chiefs, assured as they have always been, and feeling confirmed now beyond all question in the independence of their authority within their own territories, cannot fail to appreciate the Viceroy's sentiments towards them and his solicitude to maintain the independence of their position.

Now, I pass to the Motion which stands in my name. It is in these words, "That, in the opinion of this House, a substantial proportion of the expenses of the armed Mission to Tibet should be defrayed by the British Exchequer, as its objects both politically and commercially have been closely connected with and its results will have a beneficial effect upon Imperial interests and British trade." The event which has most attracted public attention in the course of the year to which the Budget of the right hon. Gentleman refers is the expedition to Tibet. We cannot conceal from ourselves the fact that there has been a sharp difference of opinion in this House as to the necessity and justification of that undertaking. Happily, however, the triumphant result of the expedition secured by the entry of the Mission into Lhasa on the 3rd August, and the consequent termination of armed aggression on our part and resistance on the part of the Tibetans, now in sight, render it unnecessary to enter upon a fresh discussion of the causes which compelled the undertaking. But without dwelling on that controversial topic, it is permissible to congratulate both England and India upon the speedy and successful termination of this Mission, in the prosecution of which the valour of British and Indian troops has won fresh laurels.

India has had the misfortune to remain for long years past under fear of aggression by a great Power. I believe in the reality of that apprehension. But whether that fear be solid or illusory, the fact remains that, in consequence of it, India has had for years past to bear the weight of large military burdens, and an exhaustion of its resources and energies which is beyond computation. And even those who consider that this apprehended danger is a mere vague assumption of a school of alarmists, cannot deny that every mile curtailed between the sphere of influence of that great Power and our frontier enhances the prospect or at least the fear of aggression. If the zone between these two borders was really neutral and the intermediate States powerful enough to maintain their neutrality, then it might well be contended that our Mission to Tibet was unjustifiable. But we have had ample evidence that while the Tibetan Government was cavalierly treating us with un-Oriental incivility and refusing to have any intercourse with the representative of a Power to which it was bound by commercial obligations and allegiance, it was holding constant communications with that other Power, sending delegations and embassies hundreds of miles away to its capital, and seeking its protectorate. If the outcome of this procedure had been no more than the establishment of a mere Consulate or commercial representation of that Power at Tibet, it would in a very short time have created interests and a basis of influence affording constant occasions of difference with the British Government. In short, the one great Power whose ambitious plans of progress in the direction of spheres of British influence have been recently exposed beyond all doubt, which indeed have been scarcely concealed on its own part, would have been brought within easy striking distance. And even if we dismissed from our minds the imminence of an open rupture, the situation thus created would have necessitated increased military preparations in view of the possibility of such a contingency, augmenting the already intolerable burden of defensive expenditure not only on that poor country but on Great Britain. Besides this, there has to be taken into account the moral effect upon the frontier tribes, as well as upon other Oriental peoples with whom we have Imperial relations, of the preponderance of influence established by a competing Power in a region so near to our own frontier, the Government of which had disregarded its obligations to us and treated us with studied and persistent discourtesy.

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I was greatly struck with a portion of the speech delivered at the Viceroy's Council on the 30th March last by one of its most distinguished and intelligent members, the Aga Khan, in which he made a descriptive allusion to the aspirations of that Power. Coming on the authority of one who has exceptional means of information on a subject of this kind, I can only feel all the more confirmed in my estimate of the situation. It is unnecessary, however, for the purpose of arguing the Motion which stands in my name, to dwell at any greater length on the various considerations which in my opinion justify the despatch of the armed Mission to Tibet, and I have thought it right to indicate my own views briefly in order to make it plain that I do not base that Motion on the ground that it was unnecessary or uncalled for. I am anxious to guard against the debate on that Motion, or the reply which will be made to it on behalf of His Majesty's Government, drifting into, and being confused with, the side issue as to whether the expedition was justifiable or not, and to confine it to the main consideration as to whether a substantial proportion of the cost of the armed Mission should or should not be defrayed by the British Exchequer. The merits of the undertaking themselves have nothing whatever to do with the real issue comprised in my Amendment. That issue is, who is to bear the expense of it, or, to use a phrase in popular vogue, who is to pay the piper?

In order to arrive at a just and equitable decision on that issue, we have to consider two main points; first, whether politically the Mission had any connection with, and bearing upon, the prestige of the British Government as an Imperial Power, and secondly, whether both in its object and its results the interests of British, as distinguished from purely Indian, trade and commerce are intended to be subserved. My right hon. friend the Secretary of State for India has already contended that "the Tibetan question is essentially an Indian interest," that is, the Imperial Government has no concern with it politically, except so far as the safeguarding of the Indian frontier is involved, and that commercially, any benefit that was sought to be secured by its despatch would only be confined to Indian trade and commerce. I dispute both these propositions. The only ground on which my right hon. friend's contention can be maintained appears to me to be that the way to Tibet from the British side lies through India; but when you come to consider the true inwardness of the undertaking, it is not difficult to see that what we have aimed at is that in that region another great Power should not obtain an influence preponderating over ours. In other regions far beyond the confines of India, in Persia, in China, and in Turkey, we have had over and over again to contend against its attempts to establish similar preponderance, and the only difference I see between those cases and that of Tibet is that the road to Tibet is from India and negotiations have been conducted by or through the Indian Government. But surely that does not of itself make the operations against Tibet a matter of purely Indian interest. Wheresoever the Power in question or any other Power seeks to invade the sphere of established British influence, any undertaking to repel such an attempt is an Imperial obligation and not merely the concern of the local authority within or near whose geographical limits the attempt is made. The issue of the conflict involves the prestige of the Imperial Government of the British Empire as a whole, and not of any subordinate authority. Suppose for a moment that India was not a dependency of the Crown, and that we had the same treaty arrangements with Tibet as at present, and that another Power had attempted to create there better interests and influence than we possessed, and instigated the Tibetan Government to treat us with contempt, should we not have been compelled, as we are now, to repel such interference? I shall admit that in its origin our intercourse with Tibet was due to the possession of India as a part of the British dominions; I will not deny that owing to her geographical situation, British influence in Tibet is of great strategical importance to India; but that influence, with the prestige and commercial advantages which it creates, is of significant value to Great Britain as an Imperial worldwide Power, and it is but fair that her Exchequer should not grudge bearing a substantial proportion of the cost of maintaining that influence.

Regarded from the point of view of the commercial privileges which it was the purpose of the Mission to maintain and which in the result it will doubtless secure, I have to present to the House an even stronger case. Almost every other page of the Blue-book on Tibet negatives the contention of my right hon. friend that "the Tibetan question is essentially an Indian interest," and proves unmistakably that it is a British interest. The return of statistics relating to trade from the date of signing the Convention of 1890 up to 1902–3 shows a progressive development in the volume and value of exports for the most part, and invariably of imports, from and in to Tibet. Starting with a total of Rs. 7,77,123, in 1890–1, the exports amounted in 1902–3 to Rs. 19,90,229, and the imports progressed during the same period from Rs. 4,01,74 to Rs. 11,52,672. Of the articles imported into Tibet in the last year, 1902–3, the main items are given under the headings: Cotton piece-goods Rs. 52,100 Indian, Rs. 316,400 non-Indian; that is, the Indian goods were less than one-sixth in value to five-sixths of British and other manufactures. Other imports, in round figures, were: dyeing materials Rs. 30,500, metals Rs. 96,400, silk Rs. 62,000, woollen piece-goods Rs. 1,28,000, other articles Rs. 1,83,800. These values in the aggregate amount to over Rs. 5,00,000. Very few of these articles are produced in India, so that crediting one-fifth of the value to India, we get a rough total of Rs. 8,16,000 of non-Indian to a total of Rs. 3,36,000 worth of Indian goods; that is, India sends to Tibet about one-fourth, and Great Britain and other countries three-fourths of their goods. In exports from Tibet by far the largest item is raw wool, and the next is borax. These two, together with miscellaneous articles such as musk and goats' hair, which may be classed as raw, amount to upwards of 16 lakhs of rupees, out of an aggregate of Rs. 19,90,000, and as India manufactures very little, she derives scarcely any benefit from these articles. Thus, both in imports and exports, the actual trade of British India with Tibet may in round figures be taken to be about one-fourth. Nor are these figures unknown to the Indian Administration. In fact their officers have been at special pains to recognise this, and are greatly concerned at the discovery that in the class of non-Indian goods, the competition of Continental as against British manufactures has been severe. In 1896 this was pointed out to the Government of India by the local officers, who sent them specimens of the German, French, Dutch, and Belgian goods imported into Tibet, and remarked—

> "Considering the pains that have been taken to open this market, it is a matter of regret that English manufacturers should have obtained so small a share in the consequent advantages,"

In a letter from the Government of Bengal to the Government of India, dated 20th February, 1899, the former state—

> "After all, the piece-goods which are the main article of import are European, whether the agency at the market is European or native."

No one can regret more than I do the fact incidentally brought out in these extracts that at the Tibetan, as in most of the other markets within British influence or jurisdiction, the competition of Continental manufacturers and merchants is detrimental to British interests. But that is a subject apart from the argument, which I refer to these figures and official statements to prove that the question of commercial relations with Tibet is not essentially or mainly an Indian interest. It is a matter of Imperial concern, and three-fourths of the solid benefit of trade with Tibet does not even touch India. It is not the fault of India if the whole or greater part of that three-fourths does not enrich Great Britain. It is in your hands to correct that fiscal defect, but even when you have corrected it, it will no more reach the pocket of the Indian trader than it does now.

I venture to think that I have shown conclusively that the proportion for which Indian interests can be made liable for the cost of the armed Mission sent to Tibet to compel the fulfilment of its commercial obligations to us is about one-fourth, and that, as regards three-fourths, the burden should in justice and equity be borne by the British Exchequer. Politically too, I think I may with confidence appeal to hon. Members to regard the expedition as undertaken in vindication of the prestige of Great Britain as an Imperial Power, intended to thwart the ambitious designs and aggressive plans of another Power constantly seeking to checkmate British influence and compete against British interests in all parts of the globe. I gladly admit that India should bear her share in the task of maintaining that prestige. She has in the past cheerfully performed that patriotic duty. She is anxious to do so in the future. Her princes have in many cases laid their whole resources at your disposal against the foes of the British Empire, her soldiers have fought Britain's battles, her people have acclaimed British victories. You have conferred on her many benefits, and the blessings of peace and security. But I regret to say, and although it is unpleasant to say it, I feel

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I should not be thinking and acting Imperially if I refrained from frankly telling you, that in the adjustment of your financial relations with her you have been parsimonious. In spite of Budgets showing fat surpluses she is, you must remember, a poor country, and her people cannot fail to feel aggrieved at having to bear any pecuniary burden which is not strictly justifiable. I conscientiously believe that it is unfair to throw the whole charge of the Tibet expedition on her, that the British Exchequer should relieve her of a substantial portion of it, and that by such an act of justice and fair play you will inspire in her people a grateful sense of your regard for their interests which they will repay with a deeper devotion to the British Crown. I beg to move.

Amendment proposed—

"To leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question, and add the words, 'in the opinion of this House, a substantial proportion of the expenses of the armed Mission to Tibet should be defrayed by the British Exchequer, as its objects both politically and commercially have been closely connected with and its results will have a beneficial effect upon Imperial interests and British trade.'"—(*Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggree.*)

Question proposed. "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."

Mr. HERBERT ROBERTS (Denbighshire, W.) said although he was unable to support the expedition into Tibet, there was an Imperial interest involved in it; and, therefore, the British Exchequer was bound to bear some part of the cost. He could not support the expedition, because he thought it would lead to considerable danger to this country. Undoubtedly the expedition had a direct connection with the military expenditure of India. He wished to emphasise the necessity for the further remission of taxation in India, especially in connection with the salt tax. As regarded the returns from Excise in India, he regarded with considerable alarm the statement of the right hon. Gentleman that he expected a considerable increase of revenue from that source. He desired to recognise in the fullest way the sincere desire of the Government of India to grapple with the question of the Excise; and he believed that they were anxious, as far as they could, to check the consumption of alcoholic liquor. The proposition he would lay down in regard to the Amendment was that while they were obliged to have an Army for the purpose of preserving internal order in India, they were not entitled to ask the Indian taxpayer to pay for expeditions outside the country. Section 54 of the Act of 1858 had a direct bearing on this matter. The section was drawn by Mr. Gladstone himself; and was to the effect that no Indian revenue should be employed for operations beyond the frontier without the consent of Parliament. That established the fact that the Indian revenue could not be utilised for the purpose mentioned, without the consent of Parliament; and it further recognised that when expeditions were carried on beyond the Indian frontier, other interests than those peculiar to India were created. It appeared to him that the action of the Government in connection with the expedition had violated the spirit of that section. If the expedition were to be regarded as a precedent, it would only be necessary, in future, to call any expedition a Commercial Mission, and then when it had advanced a certain distance to telegraph for reinforcements. That added materially to their claim that, at all events, part of the expense of the expedition should be borne Imperially.

In twenty years there had been an increase of over 70 per cent. in the expenditure charged to Indian finances. This was a question which had been frequently referred to. When the Afghan War occurred, the late Lord Salisbury said that it was undoubtedly part of a great Imperial question; and Lord Curzon, more than once, had pointed out that India was the pivot of the Empire. As regarded the expedition, Lord Lansdowne sent a despatch in February, 1903, to the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, pointing out that any display on the part of Russia in Tibet would have a disturbing effect on the people of India. Lord Curzon in his despatch in 1903 said that the Government of India were of opinion that the only way to counteract the danger to British interests in Tibet was to carry out the expedition; and, therefore, it was plain that it was British interests that were involved. There were other circumstances connected with the expedition which added to the claim that some portion of the expense should be British expenditure. The expedition was described as of a commercial character. Resolutions were sent from this country pointing out the necessity of developing trade between Tibet and India. In his opinion, at present at all events, trade considerations were trifling; and he thought it was an unfortunate development that chambers of commerce, in this country, should endeavour to induce the Government of India to act in this manner for their own advantage. He also wished to refer to the fact that the Government of India underestimated the strength of the enemy. Lord Curzon in his despatch stated that the military force of the Tibetans was beneath contempt. It was a pity that such a phrase should have been used. Another circumstance he wished to mention was the miscalculation as to the cost of the expenditure. The estimated cost was £183,000 for four months; but already the cost exceeded half a million; and it would probably be as much more before the expedition ended. Finally, it was laid down by the Government of India that the expedition would only advance to a certain point, and that there would be no permanent occupation. He could not better sum up the case than by quoting from a Memorandum of the Indian Government which stated that "the policy which dictated the expedition was an Imperial policy."

Mr. WYLIE (Dumbartonshire) said his opinion was that the people of India had derived very great benefit from intercourse with the British people and through the protection afforded them in every shape and form, especially in connection with the enormous expense incurred during the South African War. The results of the conflict were as much in the interests of India as in the interests of this country, because if South Africa had been lost to us the Indian Empire would have been lost to us also. Under these circumstances he held that it was incumbent upon the Government of India to pay all the charges that had been incurred in the Tibetan War, which would not only tend to strengthen the frontiers of India, but would be of great advantage to the internal condition of the country.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES said the hon. Member who had moved this Amendment gave his reasons for the affirmation contained in the Amendment that the Imperial Government should pay a substantial portion of the expenditure of the Mission to Tibet, and with those reasons he was inclined to agree, and should have agreed with, had it not been for the reason which the hon. Member put in the Resolution itself. He did not believe that the results of the expedition would have a beneficial effect on Imperial interests and Imperial trade. He believed the contrary would be the case. He believed the expedition to Tibet was, to use an expression of Talleyrand, more than a crime It was a blunder. It was calculated to render more difficult what he believed to be a most important object; namely, our coming to a general agreement with Russia upon the interests of the two countries in various parts of the world. It was a difficult matter to arrive at such an arrangement, but it was a thing this country should try to attain, and he believed it was not impossible if an English and a Russian statesman met together, laid their cards, so to speak, on the table, and settled once and for all what the interests of each country were. This expedition to Tibet, however, was calculated to prevent such an arrangement being made. The hon. Member opposite, with great force, passed a high eulogium on Lord Curzon, and tried to force his views upon the House, but they were immediately repudiated by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for the Forest of Dean. Lord Curzon had made great improvements in India, and his attitude towards the natives had been a very proper one, but Lord Curzon was a military and strategically-minded man and nothing less. It was to him that this Tibet expedition was due; it was his intention to take into India an unconquered border for political purposes. The Tibet expedition was due to him; the way it was carried out was due to the pressure he exercised on the Government: the pressure put upon the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Ealing, who only consented to it under strict conditions, which it was now almost impossible could be carried out. The original ground for the expedition was purely commercial. The military commanders did not tell us as much as the newspaper correspondents did. Their intelligent anticipation was that it had now become impossible for the expedition to return to India this year. The military difficulties seemed to him very great indeed. Could his right hon. friend tell the House that he was convinced that the expedition could return to India before the winter? He believed that we might expect at least another year's occupation. The Government were placed in a dilemma and he believed they would be led into some system of annexation, or at any rate into the establishment of a Resident. A little consideration showed how serious was the situation. Assurances had been given to Parliament, to China, and, he believed, to Russia, and, if these assurances were to be violated to the extent of occupation for a year, the situation became serious, by no means creditable to this country, and so far from it having a beneficial effect on Imperial interests, it was altogether harmful to them.

*MR. BRODRICK: I think the House will expect me to say a few words in reply before the Amendment is disposed of, and I know that several hon. Members desire to speak on the general question. My hon. friend was quite entitled to submit his Motion, and in doing so the moderation with which he always speaks has been conspicuous. I am equally anxious to defend the Indian Exchequer, but we must take firm ground on a matter of this kind; and the only firm ground we can find is in the Report of the Welby Commission, where it is distinctly laid down what should be regarded as Indian, as distinct from Imperial, interests. Do not let it be supposed that what is Indian interest *per se* may not also be Imperial interest; of course every interest is in a sense Imperial, but, when you come to divide Imperial from Colonial and Indian charges, you must have regard to whether it does arise from Imperial policy or not. Now, the Welby Commission has laid down that expeditions for the protection of the frontier are matters of Indian interest, and I think my hon. friend in the use he made of his argument showed that this Tibetan Mission is an Indian matter. When my hon. friend uses the expression, "Who is to pay the piper?" I should reply, "He who called the tune." Although His Majesty's Government do not derogate one atom from their responsibility for any expedition of the kind, anybody could see from the course of preceding events that, while the Indian Government were anxious that action should be taken, His Majesty's Government were reluctant at first to undertake that Mission, though they did in the last resort, when the intolerable consequences of not taking such action became apparent.

Two questions of a serious character have been brought before the House by the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Wolverhampton and the hon. Member for King's Lynn. The right hon. Gentleman has pointed out that we are now about to separate, and there will be no opportunity of renewing the debate, and he is anxious now that the Mission has reached Lhasa to know whether the principles laid down on 6th November, 1903, still represent the policy of His Majesty's Government or whether circumstances have forced them to deviate from the course which was then laid down. Well, I can associate myself with and I reiterate entirely the language used by the Prime Minister in April, and I do not think it is necessary to add to the assurance then given. The policy expressed in November was equally our policy in April and is equally our policy now. The reasons that forced us to advance into Tibet were strong enough to make us feel that we had no alternative, and equally we feel that now, though the time taken has proved to be longer and the force needed larger than we expected. But when I am asked as to our future course, and whether we are not being dragged downhill and are likely to have to break the pledges we gave, then I would say that I see nothing in what has occurred to justify the apprehension my hon. friend has expressed. He has mentioned some instances in which foreign Powers, and one in which the British Government, have somewhat changed from pledges originally given when undertaking occupations. I think it would be unreasonable for him to expect, and it would be certainly unwise for me to give, at this moment, a pledge as to when the expedition will return to India. I can only say this, we have reached Lhasa with the full intention of vacating it as soon as arrangements are made, and we shall not stay a day beyond that period, and not a day beyond that our military judges deem it wise to stay.

THE MASTER OF ELIBANK (Edinburgh, Midlothian) asked if there was an intention to exact an indemnity from the Tibetans.

*MR. BRODRICK: That is a difficult question to go into. There must be an indemnity of some description for various acts that have occurred, but on the question of terms we must ask Parliament to trust us. I have laid down the position, we are not there to begin a permanent occupation, we are not there to establish a protectorate, we do not propose to place a Resident there. These are the three main items of our policy. We are determined to make the British name respected, to make proper arrangements with our neighbours, and to protect our frontier.

MR. MALCOLM (Suffolk, Stowmarket) asked, would the expedition not return until a treaty had been signed and reparation exacted.

*MR. BRODRICK: I cannot add to what I have said. I have said the expedition will not remain in Lhasa a day after a settlement has been come to. It will not remain in Lhasa except during the period our military judges consider safety requires. Further than that I must ask to be excused from going at this moment. In conclusion I would say we adhere to our pledges, not exacted from us in this House, but dictated by the policy we believe it is proper for this country to maintain. We have fully explained this to the Russian Government, and have obtained assurances in return satisfactory to the Cabinet, and we sincerely trust we shall make an arrangement with Tibet which will preclude further interference on our part and put an end to the difficulties that have arisen.

Question put, and negatived.

Mr. Brodrick.

Main Question again proposed.

*SIR CHARLES DILKE said he had two Questions to ask, and the first was whether the Indian Government had made any protest against the use of the Peace Preservation Ordinance to prevent the immigration of British Indian subjects into the Transvaal. In the Indian Blue-book recently published it was stated that there had been a large saving because the Ameer of Afghanistan had not drawn the whole of his subsidy. He wished to know whether the Ameer had drawn any portion of his subsidy or whether he had refused the whole. He complained of the official optimism which marked the statements of those who had been connected with the administration of India. The permanent existence of immense mortality from plague caused some doubt as to the perfection of the system of local government. The police system was marked by such disgraceful scandals that until it was reformed they could not rest and be thankful. Under that system, according to official admissions, there were wrongful convictions procured by false evidence and even by evidence obtained by torture. The policeman was the only representative of Government ever seen by millions of the Indian people, and the House ought to know when the Report of the Police Commission would be published and the decision of the Government with regard to its recommendations made known. They could not rest satisfied with the salt tax at two rupees per maund, and he hoped they might speedily see a portion of the surplus set aside for the further remission of the duty. He would not detain the House by reading the speeches made on the subject by the native members and indeed some of the European members of the Viceroy's Council, but he would point out that five of the most weighty members of the Council pleaded strongly with the Government that a portion of the surplus should be set aside for the further remission of the salt duty. Their knowledge of the poverty of the people enabled them to show how cruel and oppressive the tax was.

The only other point he would touch upon was what should be the general position of India in the great debates likely in the near future to arise with regard to the relations which various parts of the Empire should have one to another. Suggestions had been made for another Colonial Conference. Those who thought the drawing together of the Empire should be Imperial believed that in the past a great mistake had been made in making these conferences British and Colonial only, and desired to press upon the Government that India should, next to the United Kingdom, play a predominant part in any future conference of the kind. India's position in the Empire, her contributions to Imperial purposes, and the dimensions of her trade, entitled her to special consideration. According to the last returns our Indian imports and exports averaged about £36,000,000 sterling, and our trade with India was more than three times our trade with Canada, and almost three times that with Australia. Without entering on the fiscal controversy, all he pleaded for was that India should be really consulted and should really know what was being done in her name. Finally, he desired to recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Welby Commission that some Vote should be placed on the Estimates which would enable Indian questions to be raised in Supply in the course of the Parliamentary session, and so to avoid the scandal of Indian questions being invariably relegated to the last effective day of the session.

*SIR J. FERGUSSON (Manchester, N.E.) said that having had some practical experience of administration in India, he could hardly admit that any district having a population of 2,000,000 would be administered by one European only.

*SIR CHARLES DILKE: The case I referred to existed only a few years ago.

*SIR J. FERGUSSON said that a district with a population of even only 1,000,000 would have at least ten European collectors, three or four European assistants, Judges, police superintendent and assistant superintendent, forest and Customs officers. No doubt, however, the Europeans were few and their responsibilities immense, but they brought out the best qualities of our race. They had also an admirable native Civil Service. As to the salt duty, while he was aware how vitally important it was to get cheap salt, he thought hon. Members were too apt to forget how salt had been cheapened to the people by improved means of communication. When he was Governor of Bombay he realised how greatly the development of railways and roads had reduced the cost of exporting produce and of bringing salt to the consumer. It would, he observed, be one of the greatest blessings if Lord Curzon, before he left India, was able to add to the many great things he had done by a reform of the character of the police.

*MR. JOSEPH WALTON (Yorkshire, W.R., Barnsley) congratulated the Secretary for India on the most able and lucid statement he had given to the House—a statement which bore evidence of the strenuous manner in which the right hon. Gentleman must have devoted himself to getting the necessary knowledge to fit him for the duties of the high position which he had occupied for but a few months. He regretted exceedingly that there were only nineteen out of 670 Members of the House of Commons present to hear that statement and he earnestly pressed upon the right hon. Gentleman to take into consideration the desirability of arranging to take the Indian debate a month or six weeks earlier in the Parliamentary session. We were all proud of that great India dependency, in connection with which we had taken upon our shoulders the responsibility of ruling and guiding the destinies of 300 millions of people. We were, in fact, the trustees of the interests of this vast mass of people, and the responsibility was one we ought not to shirk in any way. It was a matter for rejoicing that to-day they were not face to face with famine expenditure in India and that the money which in past years had had to go to famine relief was now being expended on productive railway construction and irrigation works. He would like to know, however, whether the money thus spent was being added to capital account.

The question of military expenditure had been referred to. The Secretary for India had informed them that in the current year there would be an increased expenditure of £1,700,000, and that in addition a further sum of £666,000 was to be devoted to rendering possible the more rapid mobilisation of the Indian Army. Then there was the expenditure on Tibet to be faced. Adding these items together there was an increase of no less than £3,000,000 in Army expenditure. That was a very serious matter, having regard to the poverty of the great mass of the Indian people. It was reported by the Welby Commission that this country was overcharging India to the extent of £257,000 yearly. Surely as this system of overcharging had been going on for generations it was only just that there should be some restitution. They ought to be just in dealing with these questions and they might well have made a contribution this year out of Imperial funds toward the cost of the Tibetan expedition. There was a precedent for that action, seeing that an Imperial grant of £5,000,000 was made towards the cost of the Afghan War. As trustees of the people of India we ought to be very careful not to extract from the poverty-stricken millions of that country more than they ought to be asked to pay towards the military defence of the Empire.

There was no doubt that India was making substantial progress in a material sense. Look at her development in matters of railway extension and of irrigation work. He was delighted to know that there were 27,000 miles of railway open for traffic, as compared with 17,000 ten years ago, and that 3,000 more miles were scheduled for construction. He understood that £9,000,000 was included in this Budget for purposes of railway construction, and experts informed them that twice 27,000 miles must be built before India could be considered to be adequately supplied with railways. In looking at their financial position did the Government bear in mind that the lines already constructed, included military and famine railways which were never expected to be a commercial success, generally were prosperous, and that their capitalised value on a 4 per cent. basis was £262,000,000 as against the £228,000,000 actually expended on capital account. He would like to suggest that some steps should be taken to promote the development of feeder lines in conjunction with the main railway systems. These feeder lines might not pay in themselves but they would bring increased traffic to the main lines and enable them to pay more profit than they now did. Next he came to the question of irrigation works. These were still more satisfactory productive public undertakings. There were 44,000,000 acres of irrigated land in India at the present time, and he was convinced as the result of long travels through that country that there was no reason why this quantity of irrigated land should not be doubled. According to the latest return the capital outlay upon irrigation works was £24,637,444 and the return upon this was over 7½ per cent. If those works were capitalised at twenty-five years purchase upon a 4 per cent. basis they would be worth £47,000,000. As one who took a very deep interest in India and who was proud to have that great country as a dependency of the British Crown; and believing as he did that the administration of that country was excellent and satisfactory, and that they had working there in the interests of India and the Empire a magnificent body of public servants, he desired that they should have every opportunity of making their services more productive than ever they had been in the past. They had every reason to go forward. The debt of India, unlike that of this country, was more than covered by revenue producing assets. Was there any other country in the world besides India that could show £20,000,000 a year as net receipts from land and forest revenues? If this revenue from land and forests were capitalised at twenty-five years purchase this property would be worth £500,000,000 sterling. Therefore, he did not think that anyone needed to hesitate about investing in railways and irrigation works in India, for the British public could not have a sounder investment, and he hoped that the progress of India would not be checked by any difficulties in obtaining the necessary loans.

The hon. Member opposite had put down a rather curious Amendment to the effect that the duties on manufactured articles from the United Kingdom to India should be abolished. Apparently the hon. Member had overlooked the tremendous tax which was placed upon Indian tea, tobacco, and unrefined sugar. At the present time they not only taxed Indian teas 100 per cent., but they placed upon Indian tobacco the same duty as was placed upon the more valuable article from America. He thought that was a great injustice to India. It was satisfactory to him to note that the seaborne trade of India was progressing, for in actual merchandise he noticed that there had been an increase of £21,000,000 as compared with the preceding year. The right hon. Gentleman the Member for West Birmingham appeared to forget that this great dependency of India formed part of the British Empire. Three-quarters of the trade of India was done with foreign countries. The exports of Indian merchandise for 1893–4 were £100,000,000, but only £27,000,000 of that was done with the United Kingdom, £73,000,000 going to other counties. But whereas we sent in return some £36,500,000 worth of merchandise to India other countries only sent £20,000,000. That was to say, that whilst this country took £7,500,000 less than we sent to India, other countries took from India three-and-a-half times as much as they sent to India. The Government of India had published some very interesting figures for 1902–3, showing that the imports from the United Kingdom and other British possessions amounted to about £39,750,000 whilst the exports to the United Kingdom and other British possessions amounted to £32,000,000, or about £7,500,000 less. Those figures showed that the exports of India to the United Kingdom amounted to £21,000,000, whilst those to other British possessions were £11,000,000, and to other foreign countries £51,000,000. These figures disclosed the very interesting fact that one-half of the whole foreign trade of India was admitted duty free into the consuming markets, and very largely duty free into the foreign markets. He was very glad to hear that due consideration would be given to India in regard to any important question dealt with in this country which might affect the fiscal arrangements of India. The right hon. Gentleman who put down an Amendment to the Address upon this subject could not have considered the matter very closely, and that was perhaps why he had made no reference to the question to-day. At the present time India only put a very nominal import duty upon our goods purely for revenue purposes. China and India were not protectionist countries, and therefore with a population of 700,000,000 people in those two countries they had practically free markets for British manufactured goods.

He held that our greatest justification for ruling India was to be found in the fact that we had sought no preferential trade relations for ourselves at the expense of India, and that we had left the great population of India free to buy in the best and cheapest markets in the world, irrespective of whether they were British or not. There was no need to tinker with the fiscal system of India when India was progressing well. There were now 5,000,000 spindles engaged in the manufacture of cotton, giving employment to 174,000 workmen. We must look forward to India consuming increased quantities of raw cotton. The jute mills in 1903 employed 113,000 workmen. The tea trade had developed, so that 150,000,000 lbs. of tea were exported, and the industry employed 600,000 people. The coal production in India had gone up between 1892 and 1902 from 2,000,000 to 7,000,000 tons. That increase in the production had been stimulated by the shilling duty which had been placed on coal exported from this country. They must recognise that there were millions of poverty-stricken natives in India earning at the present time not more than 2d. per day, and he would like to have some statement from the Secretary of State as to what action if any, the Government had taken in order to secure that any extra labour that was required in South Africa should be drawn from India instead of from China. He would be told that Indian coolies could not work in the mines, but he had been down many a coal mine and gold mine in India which were successfully worked by Indian coolie labour.

He was aware that the Indian Government was anxious to protect the just rights of our Indian fellow-subjects, but he would like to know whether any strong effort had been made to obtain from India that kind of labour which they were told was required in South Africa.

The right hon. Gentleman the Member for Wolverhampton had spoken of the way in which the accounts were presented to the House. If a further change could be made in the form of presenting the accounts, he would suggest that it should be in the direction of instituting an annual Budget of reproductive public works expenditure and revenue wholly distinct from the ordinary administrative accounts of the year. Personally, he entirely sympathised with the appointment of a new member of Council representing a department of commerce and industry. He welcomed that just as much as he would welcome the appointment of a Minister of Commerce in this country with Cabinet rank. He saw that no less a sum than £283,000 was included in the Budget for the Amir's subsidy and arrears. Without referring in detail to our great interests in Persia, he would say that our relations with the Government of that country had a great bearing on the question of the expenditure for the defence of the north-western frontier of India. If an unfriendly Power were established on the Persian Gulf we should have to largely increase our defensive forces in India. He was bound to say, judging from all the information he had been able to get, that British interests had been more vigorously upheld in Persia in the last two years than was previously the case. He had every reason to believe that His Majesty's Government did recognise the great importance of maintaining the *status quo* on the Persian gulf.

Mr. LONSDALE (Armagh, Mid.) said Indian affairs received too little consideration at the hands of the House. We were in a position of responsibility with respect to the administration of the great dependency of India, and he thought the burden rested lightly on our shoulders. Once a year, at the fag end of the session, this House passed in review the finances of India, and made some effort to grasp what was going on, but for the rest of the session, he was afraid, the affairs of India did not concern them much. It might be said that that was a reproach against the House, but it was not for the Government to cast a stone at the House for its neglect of the affairs of India. The Government had permitted one of the members of the Indian Council to be engaged upon duties which had not the smallest connection with the office which his special training and experience qualified him to fill, and, he believed, to fill with distinction. Sir Antony MacDonnell was appointed to the Indian Council in 1902, and the same year he was lent to the Irish Executive in order that he might fill the post of Under-Secretary for Ireland. He still remained a member of the Indian Council, although that body had for two years been deprived of his assistance in the work of the Department. This fact naturally gave rise to the question—Had the work of the Indian Council suffered by the withdrawal of Sir Antony MacDonnell? If it had, then the Government were to blame for permitting the alienation of a distinguished official from his proper functions. He gathered from the Secretary for India that Sir Antony had been missed from the Indian Council. He said that his colleagues would welcome him back to their midst with great cordiality. He had no doubt that his absence must have caused considerable strain upon the other members of the Council. Including Sir Antony, there were twelve members of the Council, and with one member absent only eleven were left to do the work. He understood the labours of this important body were very arduous. They had the oversight and control of the revenues of India, and he believed it might be said that no grant or appropriation of any part of such revenues could be made without the concurrence of a majority of votes at a meeting of the Council. It was necessary for the Council to hold frequent meetings in order to cope with the important duties they had to perform, and no less than five members must be present in order that any business might be transacted. Surely, therefore, it must be clear that the withdrawal of one member for an indefinite period must seriously interfere with the work of the Indian Council. The Secretary for India, who was responsible to the House for the work of his Department, should see that this board of advisers was maintained in an efficient state. If it were contended that Sir Antony's absence from the India Office occasioned no inconvenience, it must be clear that the Indian Council was over-manned and that the number of that body might be reduced with advantage to the public revenue. He had no personal acquaintance with Sir Antony. He believed he was a distinguished public servant, and he thought it was a matter for great regret that his services were not being utilised in the office which he was fitted by expert knowledge and special training to fill satisfactorily. He hoped the Secretary for India would be able to inform the House that Sir Antony would shortly return to his proper sphere in the India Office. He had no doubt that India would gain immensely by the recall, and he did not think Ireland would be the loser.

*MR. BRODRICK said he was very much touched by the desire the hon. Gentleman had shown that the India Office should have the full benefit of Sir Antony MacDonnell's services. The hon. Member did not appear, however, to be entirely guided in his wishes by consideration of the interests of India. To take a member of the India Council from his duties was a rarity, and the absence of a member of the Council after a certain time would certainly be felt. He would be only too glad when Sir Antony returned to his Indian duties. He would welcome him back on the grounds of his past experience and the knowledge he brought to bear upon ordinary matters. The Secretary for Ireland had made it clear that he had the fullest possible confidence in Sir Antony, and that he could not at present fix the date for his return. It was clear that an official could not be in two places at once and he would be very glad when Sir A. MacDonnell could be released.

MR. GORDON (Londonderry, S.): Supposing a member of the Indian Council does not attend for twelve months, what happens?

*MR. BRODRICK said that Parliament was most anxious to give thorough independence to that body. The members had a statutory right under the Act of 1861 to remain for ten years. The attendance was left to the good feeling of the members.

MR. SEYMOUR ORMSBY-GORE (Lincolnshire, Gainsborough): Would it not interfere with Sir Antony's pension at the expiration of his term of office?

*MR. BRODRICK. There is no question of his Civil Service pension. His Indian pension is secured to him.

The right hon. Gentleman opposite asked whether the Government had made any protest against the Peace Preservation Act being applied in the Transvaal. He regretted that there should have been any feeling in the Transvaal against the introduction of Indian subjects. He was prepared to do everything in his power on their behalf. The matter had been brought before the Colonial Secretary. Notwithstanding that, it was absolutely necessary, in his opinion, that the rights and privileges of Indian subjects recognised by statute should be secured to them in the Transvaal, and throughout South Africa, yet in regard to the introduction of more Indians, in view of the strongly pronounced local feeling, the Government had felt unable—although they wished to see a change in that local feeling—to insist on the further introduction of Indians, except under the same regulations as obtained in Cape Colony and Natal. Among a population which had not representative government, they could not enforce measures which colonies possessing representative government were not willing to adopt. As regarded police reform, he could only say that months ago he brought before the Government of India the necessity of getting replies from the local governments at the earliest possible date, and he trusted Lord Curzon would be able to take up that matter as soon as he returned to India. A Question had also been asked which he was afraid he could not enter into at any length on the last day of the session—the position of India with regard to fiscal policy. An admirable despatch of the Government of India had been laid before the House.

and so far as he was concerned he felt that, although Indian interests had been very little mentioned in this controversy, India must be looked upon as women were looked upon in the old days—those who were least talked about were considered to be most virtuous. It was perfectly obvious that any settlement which concerned the Empire could not be considered or entered into without the interests of India being, he would not say predominantly, as he thought the right hon. Gentleman said——

*SIR CHARLES DILKE said he said "predominantly after the interests of the United Kingdom."

*MR. BRODRICK said that at all events India, as the greatest consumer of British goods in the Empire, must come very high in their consideration. He agreed with the desire expressed that the Indian Budget statement should be made earlier. He hoped that next year he might be able to induce his right hon. friend to give a somewhat earlier date. He felt that this was a subject which ought not to be put off to so late a period of the session, but he thought he might congratulate the House on the extremely effective discussion they had had that day—full of suggestion, interest, and appreciation. He was grateful to hon. Members for their kind references to himself, and he was still more glad to hear the references that had been made on both sides of the House to the magnificent work done by Lord Curzon in India, and the satisfaction that had been expressed at his return to that country for another term of office. He thought the country had been very fortunate in having a man like Lord Ampthill to perform his duties during his absence in this country.

*MR. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty) said he congratulated the right hon. Gentleman on the information he had been able to furnish to the House. He understood that the right hon. Gentleman stated that an understanding had been arrived at with Russia and China with reference to the advance to Lhasa, and that there was no intention of occupying Tibet or appointing a Resident. That was very satisfactory. The occupation of the country would require a very large force in a most inhospitable climate.

*MR. SPEAKER: This matter has been already dealt with in the Amendment which has been disposed of by the House.

*MR. WEIR said he would not pursue the matter; but he wished to know whether this country would contribute to the expense.

*MR. SPEAKER: That was the precise point dealt with by the Amendment.

*MR. WEIR said that the Budget should not be brought forward on the last day but one of the session. He was glad that the right hon. Gentleman intended to make an effort to introduce the Budget in future at an earlier period of the session. The right hon. Gentleman painted the condition of India in a roseate hue, and said that although there was poverty there was no destitution, but no one could be in any part of India for many hours without realising that there was the greatest poverty and destitution. The right hon. Gentleman stated that the natives had simple tastes. They had need to have for they had no money to indulge them. The right hon. Gentleman said that the people should not be burdened. He agreed with him; he wanted them liberated from their burdens and he urged the right hon. Gentleman to lift some of the burdens under which they struggled. He knew of no burden more oppressive to the people of India than the salt tax, and he hoped the right hon. Gentleman and his colleagues on the Council of India and Lord Curzon, who he was sure had the welfare of the people of India at heart, would see their way to still further reduce and eventually abolish this tax. India never had a harder worker than Lord Curzon. Whether the Viceroy was always right in what he did was a matter of opinion, he certainly had introduced some measures of late which would not redound to his credit. But he (Mr. Weir) was glad Lord Curzon was going to have another term of office in India because he would be able to complete some of the works he had begun, such as those dealing with the police and the railways. Lord Curzon did not sit in his armchair in Government House in Calcutta content with the reports sent to him by the permanent officials. When he went about the country he kept his ears and eyes open and inquired into matters for himself. For instance, he noticed the disgraceful overcrowding on the railways and had an inquiry made into it with the result that the right hon. Gentleman the Secretary of State had stated that a board of management of railways was to be appointed. He trusted that competent railway managers would be found to do the work. The appointment of such a board would liberate the department in Calcutta which now had charge of railway work, and he trusted that the board would do the work efficiently. He regretted that there had been no decrease in the opium revenue. It was a shame that this country should have pushed forward the sale of that article as they had done, and he hoped that the anticipated decrease would go on until the revenue from opium was wiped out altogether. The right hon. Gentleman had said he was in a sea of doubt as to what to do with regard to the salt tax. The best course to adopt would be to abolish it altogether. He might not be able to abolish it at once but he could decrease the tax by degrees until it disappeared. If salt could be obtained at a reasonable price it would be used in many industries, especially the curing of fish. He hoped the Government would see their way to do this.

The hon. Member then went on to speak of the wretched mud huts in which the vast majority of the native soldiers were housed, and the almost impossible rents exacted from the Agriculturists. He pointed out that 1,253 persons were in the year 1901–2 sent to prison in default of the payment of rent, their wives and families being left to starve meanwhile. That was not, he submitted, in accordance with British rule, and nothing of the kind would be allowed in this country. Why then should it be permitted in India? He sincerely trusted that the right hon. Gentleman would look into this matter and see if it were not possible to put an end to the practice of imprisoning these poor unfortunate people because they were unable to pay their rents. Let them lock up swindlers by all means, but let them at the same time be a little merciful to those who through sickness or other misfortune were unable to pay their rents. He doubted whether the rents were fair, and certainly the people had not the means to pay them. The whole circumstances of the case ought to be considered and the rents revised and reduced where necessary, so that there should not be this wholesale system of evictions, under which nearly a million families were turned out of their holdings in one presidency alone in the course of a few years. India was so vast that there was not the same grip of affairs as in England. Lord Curzon was very energetic, but, after all, one man could do only a certain amount of work. The right hon. Gentleman had referred to what happened in India 100 years ago, but what was the use of going back so far? On the hill on which he was born, witches were burnt 100 years ago.

*MR. SPEAKER intimated that the hon. Member's remarks were somewhat remote from the question before the House.

MR. WEIR disclaimed any desire to weary the House. Inasmuch as money invested in irrigation works was said to yield a return of 7 per cent. he thought a larger sum might well be set aside for irrigation purposes. Irrigation was the greatest boon that could be conferred upon the people of India; it was the equivalent of showers of gold to them. As to the police system, it was simply shocking. For years the police had been discredited. He was glad to hear that money, including £25,000 for a University, was being set aside for educational purposes. More attention ought to be given to technical education, as there was room in India for a vast extension of industries. The young people were crying out for technical knowledge to enable them to strike out on profitable lines for themselves instead of being tied down to agricultural pursuits and two-and-a-half acre plots. Many natives of India had been educated at Oxford and Cambridge and were brilliant men, but by the arrangements which had been made they had been shut out of Government employment in favour of Europeans. [Cries of "Divide."] There was another matter he wished to refer to. He hoped the right hon. Gentleman would adopt some means of letting the people of India know that the petitions they sent over to this country were simply pigeonholed or thrown into the waste paper basket. He hoped the Secretary for India would go out to that country himself, because everybody who visited India was more and more impressed with the greatness of our Indian Empire and with the great need of doing something, especially for these 200,000,000 of people who were engaged in agriculture and who did not get more than one meal per day. [Cries of "Divide, divide!"] The conditions of the lives of these people were terrible. In conclusion he wished to express his satisfaction that Lord Curzon was again going out to India, and he trusted that he would proceed with the good work he had been doing, and be spared health and strength to carry out the policy he had been pursuing in India.

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Resolved, That it appears from the Accounts presented to Parliament that in 1902–3 the Revenue of India amounted to £77,434,915, the Expenditure charged against Revenue to £74,365,366, and the Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue to £5,128,192.—(*Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*)

Resolution to be reported.

CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3:—

Mr. Weir.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) pointed out that the last paragraph of this clause appropriated sums not granted by Resolutions but appropriated under the Public Charges Act of 1901 by the Treasury. Those were sums which the House could neither vote for or against. He had, upon a former occasion, put a Question to the Chairman in regard to the power of the House to discuss appropriations-in-aid, and the Chairman stated that, in his opinion, the House could not deal with any of those sums either by diminishing them or otherwise, inasmuch as they were not granted by the House but by the Treasury under the Public Charges Act. He wished to know whether at this or any previous stage there was any possibility of the House dealing with them? He did not propose to make any alteration, but he wished to point out that, as a matter of fact, this was the only opportunity the House had of dealing with these appropriations-in-aid at all. Was it to be understood that at this stage of the Bill the House had no power to deal with any of the sums?

*THE CHAIRMAN: I think it is rather a complicated and difficult question and I can only refer to the ruling to which the hon. Member has referred. I was not aware that the question was to be raised to-day or I should have considered it more carefully. It does not seem to me that the hon. Member can alter the appropriations. There would be considerable difficulty in altering the appropriations on this clause being submitted to the Committee. Obviously when any measure is proposed to the House it is for the House to deal with it. The House, if it desired, could strike the clause out, and if it did so, the effect would be to refuse sanction to the appropriations made by the Treasury. What the ultimate effect of that would be I would not like to say on the spur of the moment.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES said he did not wish to press the point. He ought to have given longer notice of the Question.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4:—

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee) asked whether it was intended to use the power contained in this clause to provide for the expense of the Somaliland expedition.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY (Mr. VICTOR CAVENDISH, Derbyshire, W.): No, Sir.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment; to be read the third time To-morrow.

CUNARD AGREEMENT (MONEY) BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1:—

MR. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid.) said they had been told that the £150,000 was fixed as the basis of the extra cost to the Cunard Company for running their vessels at a high speed across the Atlantic. He wished to know what there was in the Agreement to bind the Cunard Company to run their vessels at 24½ knots an hour, or any speed whatever. He had looked into the Agreement, and he could not find anything to bind them. He knew the difficulties which the Post Office had had previously in dealing with contracts with shipowners, and in this case they should have a clear understanding what the Agreement really meant, Article 14 of the Agreement said—

> "Each of the Mail-ships shall on every Saturday as soon as possible after the advertised sailing hour and after the Mails are embarked (or at such other time as the Company with the consent of the Postmaster-General may fix) put to sea from Liverpool and proceed direct to Queenstown and shall remain at Queenstown until the Mails to be there embarked have been received on board and shall thence and without unnecessary delay proceed direct to New York, and the Company and their Officers and Servants shall use their best endeavours to complete the voyage of each such Mail-ship between the said places, respectively, within the shortest possible time consistent with prudent navigation."

In every mail contract there was a condition that a voyage was to be accomplished in so many days or hours; but here it was left indefinite. The ships were to steam 24½ knots in moderate weather; but the contract did not say what speed they were to do on the average. He maintained that this Agreement was different from every other Post Office Agreement, and it opened the door to a great deal of latitude in its interpretation. Even after paying £150,000 a year, they might have to face the fact that the Germans would hold the blue ribbon of the Atlantic.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Worcestershire, E.) said that the hon. Member for Mid-Lanark was scarcely accurately informed as to the extent of the Post Office agreements for mail contracts. The Cunard Agreement proceeded on the same lines as other Post Office agreements relating to mail contracts. It did not specify the number of hours to be taken on the voyage, but that the ships were to proceed and complete their voyage in the shortest possible time consistent with prudent navigation. He held that that was a more effective provision than specifying a certain number of hours or days, because in such a specification a certain margin would have to be allowed for bad weather and accidents.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) said that the contract set out that the ships were to proceed and complete their voyage in the shortest possible time consistent with prudent navigation, but there was a provision that these ships, in respect of which the country was to advance £2,600,000, were to be capable of maintaining an average ocean speed of between 24 and 25 knots "in moderate weather." As soon as the weather ceased to be moderate the speed might fall to ten, or even five knots. There was no provision against that danger. This was indeed a most unfortunate contract, which had been made in the moment of panic, binding the nation to an expenditure of £7,000,000 sterling at a time when the Admiralty were building smaller vessels of the same kind.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2:—

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.) said he could not see anything in the Agreement as to the exemption of that Agreement from stamp duty. Was there any precedent for such a provision? He thought the clause should be omitted.

Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN said that the company were bound to execute the Agreement, and that obligation had been imposed upon them by the Government in order that the Government should have some security that the Agreement, which was made in their interest, should be duly carried out. It was only fair that something should be given to the company in return.

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES said that the Agreement was made last year, and it was then that the stamp duty ought to have been paid. This clause passed *ex-post facto* legislation. Then there was to be exemption from stamp duty—

> "On the trust deed, or other security executed or given in accordance with that agreement for the repayment of the Cunard loan, or on any instrument executed for the purpose of carrying out any provision for that agreement."

There was nothing about that in the Agreement. Further, the fees payable to the Board of Trade in respect of the mortgage, or transfer of the mortgage of any ships, for the purposes of the Cunard Agreement, were to be remitted. Such a wide exemption clause had never been passed by the House of Commons in any Act, so far as he was aware. What would the total amount of these exemptions be? He understood the Chancellor of the Exchequer to say that it would be ½ per cent. on £2,500,000. He thought that some further information should be given to the Committee by the right hon. Gentleman.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Mr. Gibson Bowles.

Bill reported, without Amendment; to be read the third time To-morrow.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (MONEY) BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. J. W. Lowther (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

Mr. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee) said it was impossible to properly discuss the Bill now. He would merely ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer what was the mechanism by which Sub-section 2 could be carried into effect. Instead of borrowing money by terminable annuities, the right hon. Gentleman proposed to borrow by means of Exchequer Bonds. But how would the sinking fund be provided in that case?

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) asked if the £9,250,000 to be provided under the Bill would be an addition to the funded debt.

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER (Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Worcestershire, E.) said that the figure which his hon. friend had mentioned was the outstanding balance on a particular day. With regard to the Question of the hon. Gentleman opposite, it was certainly their intention to provide for a sinking fund and also for interest. The system would follow as closely as possible the existing system in reference to terminable annuities. A sum for the interest on the capital, and also such an additional sum as would repay the capital in thirty years, would be provided.

Mr. EDMUND ROBERTSON said that the reply of the right hon. Gentleman was quite satisfactory, but from the language it would appear as if the sinking fund could be put off for a late period.

Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN said he was advised not.

Mr. LOUGH (Islington, W.) said it appeared that the floating debt was being further extended.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment; to be read the third time To-morrow.

ANGLO-FRENCH (CONVENTION) EXPENSES.

Resolution reported, "That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, and any Expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect."

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) expressed doubt as to the wisdom of the Government in pressing this matter at the present time. The French had refused to ratify the Convention hitherto, and, therefore, surely it would be better to keep our card up our sleeve as long as the French did the same. If this Resolution, and the Bill founded upon it, were passed now the Government would in effect be bound to agree to the Convention, and it was notorious that the French Government did not intend to agree to the Convention as it stood. They intended to put pressure upon His Majesty's Government to agree to changes in the Convention such as would satisfy their desires. In those circumstances he submitted to the Prime Minister that it would be prudent to leave the passage of the Bill to a future period, when they could see what terms the French proposed.

The PRIME MINISTER and FIRST LORD of the TREASURY (Mr. A. J. Balfour, Manchester, E.): I give my hon. friend every credit for the patriotic motive which induced him to make the suggestion which he has laid before the House; but I venture to suggest to him and to the House that the course which he is pressing upon us is not one which is really consistent with — I will not say the honour and dignity of this country, but, at all events, with high expediency. It is true that the French have not passed the Convention, and it is perfectly true that there is no absolute security that in November they will pass it—it is not certain, because, after all, nothing is certain. But I think my hon. friend entirely misreads the signs of the times if he thinks that the French Government have the smallest desire to insist upon, or even to suggest, any modification in the Convention, as it has already been passed by the two Powers. I do not know what his authority is for the statement, but nothing confirmatory of it has reached our ears. We have not received it from an official source, or from any unofficial source worthy of serious attention. Let it be noticed that the French Chamber did not pass the Convention because they had to bring their proceedings to a conclusion on a certain date, and it was not possible to find time to discuss the Convention before that date arrived. That is not the case with us. It is true that we are all desirous of bringing the necessary business of the session to a conclusion, but we are not brought up against a dead wall at this stage, as the French were. If we put it off, therefore, especially on the ground suggested by my hon. friend, and after the speech he has made, can the French form any other judgment but that we regard their proceedings with suspicion, that we think they mean to drive a hard bargain with us in November, and that we do not treat them as a friendly nation, which has entered into a friendly agreement, but that we regard ourselves as two bargainers, each trying to squeeze the last atom out of the other? That is not the spirit in which we approached the matter; it is not the spirit in which the French Government approached the matter. And I would earnestly suggest to my hon. friend that he would do well to withdraw his protest, and permit us to do that which I am convinced cannot hurt any substantial British interest at all, to show to France and the world that we have approached this question in a generous, and not a huckstering spirit, and that our desire is to do everything that lies in our power to bring to a final and lasting termination the negotiations which now, at all events, although their course has been long, have ended in a manner beneficial and honourable to both countries.

Mr. BLAKE (Longford, S.) supported the course proposed by the right hon. Gentleman as the only one worthy of the dignity of the country.

Resolution agreed to.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Mr. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) took occasion to say that he had heard the Prime Minister's statement with extreme satisfaction, and that in the circumstances he would offer no objection to the Bill.

Bill reported, without Amendment; Bill read the third time, and passed.

ISLE OF MAN (CUSTOMS) BILL.

Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment; Bill read the third time, and passed.

IRISH LAND BILL.

As amended, considered, read the third time, and passed.

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL.

Read the third time, and passed.

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS (REMISSION).

Resolution reported, "That it is expedient to authorise the remission of a certain Debt due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from the Guardians of the Union of Belmullet, in the county of Mayo, in pursuance of any Act of the present session relating to Local Loans."

Resolution agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BILL.

Considered in Committee.

(In the Committee.)

[Mr. J. W. LOWTHER (Cumberland, Penrith) in the Chair.]

Clause 1.

Mr. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid) asked how it was so much less was being asked for this year in regard to borrowing powers.

MR. LOUGH (Islington, W.) also inquired if the right hon. Gentleman was carrying out the threats he made in his Budget speech with regard to municipalities. Was he putting increased difficulties in the way of local authorities obtaining loans?

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Worcestershire, E.) was understood to say that in past years no doubt powers had been taken to advance much larger sums, but early this year it was found necessary to raise the rate at which the loans were made, and to somewhat restrict operations. Indeed, a further increase of the rate might prove to be necessary. What was now proposed was to confine loans to local authorities which had a rateable value of over £200,000.

MR. CALDWELL asked what was the amount of the credit of the separate account of the surplus and of the deficiency up to the present, in respect of the sale of stock under cost price, and why the section was limited to the loss so caused.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN said the deficiency at present was about £200,000. The nominal value of the securities of the fund was nearly £700,000, and would shortly be increased by £130,000. The provision was confined to the deficiency caused by the issue of stock at a discount, because that was the circumstance to meet which this fund was provided. If a loss was made it was only right that Parliament should be asked to re-vote the money, so that this House should retain complete control over the transaction in that respect.

MR. CALDWELL submitted that a loss might arise from another cause, namely, the lending of money at a lower rate than the Government themselves had to pay.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN said they were not allowed to lend money at a rate lower than that at which they raised it. It was never intended that local authorities should be subsidised out of this fund.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, and the schedule were then agreed to.

Bill reported, without Amendment; Bill read the third time, and passed.

PRISONS (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Considered in Committee, and reported, without Amendment; Bill read the third time, and passed.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

As amended, considered.

MR. LOUGH (Islington, W.) moved to omit from the first sub-section the words "with the consent of the Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Board of Trade."

Amendment moved to the Bill—

"In Clause 1, page 1, line 9, to leave out the words 'with the consent of the Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Board of Trade.'"—(*Mr. Lough.*)

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill."

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord STANLEY, Lancashire, Westhoughton): I agree.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) hoped the right hon. Gentleman would not agree to the Amendment, as by so doing he would deprive the issue of licences of a very important security.

LORD STANLEY said he had consulted the Departments concerned and they were prepared to agree to the Amendment, on the understanding that he himself would grant the licences. He would, of course, communicate with the Departments interested in every case in which there was any doubt.

Question put, and negatived.

MR. LOUGH congratulated the Postmaster-General on securing the passage of this very troublesome Bill. The blandishments of the noble Lord had been so great that he had obtained the insertion of long and intricate Amendments and the measure was a monument to his Parliamentary ability.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

LIGHT RAILWAYS BILL [LORDS].

Order for Second Reading read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL [LORDS].

As amended, considered; Bill read the third time, and passed.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) [EXPENSES].

Resolution reported; That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland."

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution."

MR. GIBSON BOWLES (Lynn Regis) said he trusted that this Bill would not be proceeded with. He had several arguments to urge against it, but he would content himself with one. This measure affected many large interests, more especially some large firms in Leith and other parts of Scotland. The measure was brought in quite late in the session, and he submitted that it would not be fair to press it, in view of the large interests involved, at this period of the session.

THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND (Mr. A. GRAHAM MURRAY, Buteshire) said he was sorry that the hon. Member had taken up that position. He would not press the Resolution.

Mr. WEIR (Ross and Cromarty) appealed to the hon. Member to withdraw his opposition.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

WHALE FISHERIES (SCOTLAND) BILL [LORDS].

Order for Committee read, and discharged. Bill withdrawn.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at five minutes after Eight o'clock.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Saturday, 13*th August*, 1904.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

PUBLIC RECORDS (IRELAND).

Thirty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records for the year 1903. Presented (by Command), and ordered to lie on the Table.

PATENTS ACT, 1902.

Order made by the Board of Trade in pursuance of Section 1, Sub-section 2, of the Act, fixing the date for the coming into operation of the section.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Orders in Council of the 10th August, 1904 (a) revoking Orders in Council of 5th May, 1873, and 29th January, 1904, relating to the re-measurement of French ships in this country; (b) exempting from re-measurement in His Majesty's Dominion French ships whose certificates of registry are dated on or after 1st July, 1904.

FOREIGN JURISDICTION ACT, 1890.

Orders in Council of the 10th August 1904, entitled respectively "The Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1904," and "The Zanzibar Order in Council, 1904."

Laid before the House (pursuant to Act), and ordered to lie on the Table.

ISLE OF MAN (CUSTOMS) BILL; PRISONS (SCOTLAND) BILL; PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BILL.

Read 2^{a} (according to Order). Committees negatived; and Bills to be read 3^{a} on Monday next.

EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE BILL; REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Read 2^{a} (according to Order). Committees negatived; and Bills to be read 3^{a} on Monday next.

SHOP HOURS BILL; OUTDOOR RELIEF (FRIENDLY SOCIETIES) (No. 2) BILL.

House in Committee (according to order). Bills reported without Amendment. Standing Committee negatived. Then (Standing Order No. XXXIX. having been suspended) Bills read 3^{a}, and passed.

EDUCATION (LOCAL AUTHORITY DEFAULT) BILL.

Read 3^{a} (according to order), and passed.

LICENSING BILL.

Commons Amendment to Lords Amendments and Commons reason for disagreeing to several of the Lords Amendments considered (according to order). Commons Amendment to Lords Amendments agreed to; and the Lords Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed not insisted on.

INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

[Second Reading.]

Order of the Day for the Second Reading read.

The UNDER-SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA (The Earl of Hardwicke): My Lords, I think it would be in accordance with the practice of this House and with your Lordships wishes if, in moving the Second Reading of this Bill, I said a few words in explanation of its scope and object. The noble Marquess opposite (the Marquess of Ripon), and the noble Marquess behind me (the Marquess of Lansdowne), are well aware that the members of the Viceroy's Council in India are very much overburdened with work. As long ago as Lord Dufferin's Adminstration a Minute was left on record by the Viceroy in which he said most emphatically that he considered it necessary that the Viceroy's Council should consist of six members instead of five. The present Government of India have come to the same conclusion, and they have proposed to the Secretary of State for India that the number of ordinary members of the Viceroy's Council should be increased from five to six.

An Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a Speech indicates revision by the Member.

I will deal, in the first place, with the present position of the Viceroy's Council as regards the division of the duties which they have to perform. At the present moment there is a Finance and Commerce Department, with a finance member at its head; there is a Home Department and a Revenue and Agricultural Department, and these two Departments are under one ordinary member of Council. There is also the Public Works Department, under another member of Council, and the legal member and the military member make up the five. It is proposed by the Government of India to abolish the Public Works Department. A few years ago Lord George Hamilton appointed a well-known railway expert, Mr. Robertson, to visit India and examine thoroughly the railway system throughout the country and he presented to the Government of India a very exhaustive Report on the subject, containing some very drastic recommendations as regards the future, and that Report has been laid before Parliament. The Government of India and Secretary of State have given very careful consideration to the recommendations therein contained, and, though they have not been able to see their way to adopt as a whole the proposals made by Mr. Robertson, they have decided upon a very large measure of reform of the system of railway administration.

It is now proposed to create a Railway Board. This Board will have large powers conferred upon it, and will practically be responsible for the railway administration of India, large changes in policy or administration, of course, being submitted to the Viceroy or his Council, and, in some cases, ultimately to the Secretary of State. The Government of India, in view of the large powers which they propose to confer on this Board, have come to the conclusion that the office of the member who at present represents the Public Works Department and the Railway Administration of India on the Viceroy's Council is no longer necessary; that the Public Works Department can conveniently cease to exist, and that the Railway Board, having large powers conferred upon it, need not necessarily be directly represented on the Viceroy's Council. I think your Lordships will easily understand that the chairman of the Railway Board, who, of course, could be the only man competent to be the representative of that Board on the Council, will have all his time fully occupied in the duties of railway administration, and that as, in the nature of things, he must be a railway expert, it is hardly desirable that he should be concerned with the general administration of matters which come before the Viceroy's Council. It has, therefore, been decided that the new Railway Board shall be independent of the Council, and that such matters connected with railway administration as have to be brought before the Council shall be brought by a member in charge of another department.

The Public Works Departments, as I have said, will cease to exist. It is, therefore, proposed to redistribute the work of the members of the Viceroy's Council. It is proposed that the Finance and Commerce Department should in future be known as the Finance Department only, under a finance member. The Home Department and the Revenue and Agricultural Department, which, as I have said, are at present under one member, are to be separated. The Home Department is to be under one member of Council, and, though he will no longer have the work of the Revenue and Agricultural Department, I can assure your Lordships that the Government of India have stated in no unmeasured terms that the work he will have to do as sole representative of the Home Department will be all that one man can adequately carry out. Then the Revenue and Agricultural Department will also be under one member. Of course, the legal member and the military member will remain. That makes the five members as at present allowed by the Act of Parliament.

Then it is proposed to create a new department altogether — a Department of Commerce and Industry, and to place that under a new member. I do not think I need dwell upon the good that may result from the creation of a department of this kind. It will have very large powers transferred to it, and the work of the new department will be extremely onerous and important. The Bill now before your Lordships'

The Earl of Hardwicke.

House is a very short one, and is necessary owing to the wording of the Act of 1874. The Act of 1861, known as the Indian Council's Act, constituted a council of five ordinary members. The Act of 1874 permitted the appointment of a sixth member, but stated that the sixth member was to be "for public works purposes." Having taken the best legal opinion, we were advised that the changes we wished to bring about in the Viceroy's Council could not legally be given effect to unless we had the sixth member as a member for public works purposes only. If your Lordships' will refer to this Bill, you will see that all it does is to provide that the words—

> "Who shall be called a member of council for public works purposes."

which occur in the Act of 1874, shall be omitted. The Act of 1874 will then read as giving power to the Secretary of State in Council to appoint a sixth member. Of course, the creation of a large department of the kind I have referred to is a far-reaching and important proposal, on which, I am sure, the noble Marquess opposite will admit a great deal more might be said. But I will only say, in conclusion, that we have the most sanguine anticipations as to the benefit that will accrue to India from this appointment, and I hope it will stand out as not the least successful reform that has been instituted during the brilliant administration of Lord Curzon.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^a."—(*The Earl of Hardwicke.*)

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: My Lords, I think the Bill, the Second Reading of which the Under-Secretary of State has just moved, is one which your Lordships would do well to accept. It does away with what I think was always an unnecessary and undesirable arrangement, namely, making it necessary by Act of Parliament that the sixth member of the Viceroy's Council should always be attached to the public works department. I think that is a matter which ought to be left to the Viceroy in Council, who ought to be able to distribute among his colleagues the business of the different departments in whatever manner he may think best. Therefore, I think the Bill will be an advantage and I give it my support. The noble Earl will hardly expect me to say anything upon the full description he has given of the other proposals which the Government of India intend to introduce. I have only heard them in detail for the first time this afternoon, and I am not in a position to express any opinion upon them. I should always be inclined to pay respect to anything which the Government of India might propose, but I do not wish at this moment to express any opinion of my own upon such a far-reaching proposal. I hope that at the beginning of next session we shall have Papers which will show us what is the nature of these proposals, so that we may be able to form upon them a judgment with full knowledge.

THE EARL OF HARDWICKE: I can give the noble Marquess an undertaking that Papers will be laid on the subject. In the ordinary course despatches will be published.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: I think we ought to have more than that.

THE EARL OF HARDWICKE: I will mention the request to my right hon. friend the Secretary of State.

On Question, Bill read 2^a; Committee negatived. Bill to be read 3^a on Monday next.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

LORD WOLVERTON: My Lords, I can assure the House that this is not in any sense a contentious measure, and I am glad to be able to say that it does not in any way deal with the metric system or any such abstruse subject. The Bill as it was originally introduced by Mr. Bousfield in another place contained clauses which the Board of Trade and the Government were not able to agree to. These clauses have been struck out in the Standing Committee on Law to which the Bill was committed, and the Bill as now before your Lordships has been taken up by His Majesty's Government and made a Government measure in this House. There are two clauses to which I think I should draw your Lordships' attention. The clause of the utmost importance is Clause 5, which deals with the powers of the Board of Trade as to making general regulations. Up to now the local authorities have been the authorities for weights and measures, but if this Act passes into law those powers will be taken over by the Board of Trade, and by this means uniformity will be created over the whole country. I am led to believe that this will be very welcome to traders generally. Clause 9 is also a very important one. The Board of Trade may, by this clause, vary the fees for verification and stamping. These fees are in some cases too high, more especially in the case of the glass trade; and, if this Bill passes, the Board of Trade propose to reduce fees in certain cases. As I have assured your Lordships that this is not a contentious Bill, I hope you will read it a second time.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*Lord Wolverton.*)

On Question, Bill read 2ª; Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª on Monday next.

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL.

[Second Reading.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

The LORD PRIVY SEAL (The Marquess of Salisbury): My Lords, I do not propose to take up your Lordships' time with many observations in regard to this Bill. It is, as your Lordships know, an old friend, and therefore it will be quite unnecessary for me to state at length either the reasons for the introduction of the Bill or the precise character of the provisions which it contains. It is substantially the same Bill as that which passed through your Lordships' House last year, though the drafting is somewhat different. It has been a good deal abbreviated, and in some respects it is more elastic. However, there is no intention, in carrying out the provisions of the Bill, which are subject, as your Lordships know, to certain schemes by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and by Order in Council, to produce substantially any different result than would have been produced by the more precise provisions of the Bill of last year. I feel all the more relieved from making any further observations because, as a matter of fact, this is rather the Bill of the most rev. Primate and the Bench of Bishops than of His Majesty's Government, not that His Majesty's Government do not cordially support it, but the Bill emanated from the Episcopal Bench. I would only say, in conclusion, that, connected as I have been for very many years with the diocese of Rochester, it does give me peculiar pleasure to be even to this extent instrumental in carrying out a great reform, a reform long needed, and one which it is a perfect scandal that Parliament has not found it possible to deal with before.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Marquess of Salisbury.*)

*The LORD ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY: My Lords, I wish to say a single word on this Bill. The natural expectation might have been, at such a moment as the Second Reading of this Bill, after the long endeavours to which the noble Marquess has alluded which have been made in previous years to bring it into effect, that the Bishop of Rochester would have been here to advocate it. His absence is one of the most eloquent arguments that could be urged in favour of the Bill, for he is absent because he has broken down from overstrain. He would not have been absent from your Lordships' House or from the country on any occasion of such ecclesiastical importance, whether concerning his own diocese or another, had such a Bill as this been law some time ago, for in that case the strain upon his health would have been less. The strain placed upon the holder of either of the two dioceses which are mainly affected by this Bill, that of Worcester, containing the great town of Birmingham, and that of Rochester, containing the whole of the South of London, is more than one man can bear; and the object of the Bill is simply to effect, in each case, a subdivision greatly needed in view of the enormous increase of population. It is purely an administrative measure, containing no principle or change whatever beyond that of adapting modern resources to modern needs; it imposes no tax whatever on the public, but merely allows the voluntary contributions of those who care for the matter to be used in the way which the contributors think necessary. The noble Marquess the Lord Privy Seal has correctly stated that the Bill of to-day, though worded somewhat differently from the Bill which passed your Lordships' House on more than one previous occasion, is the same in its purport, and I am exceedingly glad to look forward now to effect being speedily given to a hope and an ambition which, as the noble Marquess has said, have been astir for a long time and the fulfilment of which is urgently required.

On Question, Bill read 2ª; Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª on Monday next.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

Moved, "That Lord Windsor do take the Chair in the Committee of the Whole House this day in the absence of Lord Balfour."—(*The Marquess of Lansdowne.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL [H.L.]

Order of the day read for the consideration of the Commons Amendments.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (The Earl of HALSBURY): In the absence of Lord Alverstone I would suggest the postponement of this Bill. I have not had an opportunity of considering the Amendments, and I cannot advise the House whether they should be accepted or not.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: Will that mean that the Bill will be lost?

THE EARL OF HALSBURY: Oh, no.

Consideration of Commons Amendments put off to Monday next, and the said Amendments to be printed [No. 206.]

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

*THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (The Marquess of LANSDOWNE): My Lords, the object of this Bill is to signify the approval of Parliament to the Convention, set out in the schedule, which was signed in London on 8th April of this year, and to make it lawful for His Majesty the King to do everything which appears to His Majesty necessary or proper for carrying into effect that Convention. It is necessary that regard should be had to the authority of Parliament in this matter, in the first place because it seems to us that an international transaction of this magnitude ought not to be withdrawn from the cognisance of Parliament and also because it has been for some time past held that whenever any international arrangement involves a cession of British territory, as this does, the matter should come under the consideration of Parliament.

I do not think it necessary on this occasion to pass in review the many matters that are dealt with in this Convention or in the Agreement of which the Convention forms a part. The question has been before the public for a long time, and your Lordships must be familiar with its details. At any rate, I think I may be permitted to say that I am personally relieved from the necessity of making a Second Reading speech upon the subject because my Second Reading speech was in fact delivered more than four months ago, and is embodied in the long despatch to our Ambassador in Paris, which was published with the Convention and laid before Parliament. There are two points only about which, perhaps, it is necessary that I should say a word.

The first of those points does not strictly arise out of the Convention printed with this Bill, but it does arise out of the Agreement of which the Convention forms a part. Your Lordships will recollect that in that part of the Agreement which has reference to Egygt, we laid before you a draft Khedivial Decree embodying a large number of most important measures of reform which it was proposed should be undertaken by the Government of Egypt with the assent of Great Britain and France. It was, however, well understood that that Decree could not be issued unless the assent of the other Powers signatories to the Treaty of London was also obtained. I am able to say that since that time the assent of the remaining Powers has been given, and, I will venture to say, has been ungrudgingly given, to the arrangement. There is now, therefore, no obstacle whatever to the issue of the Decree, which will bring with it what I do not think I am wrong in describing as the emancipation of the Egyptian Administration from a system which is a survival of an order of things which no longer exists and which is full of the greatest inconvenience to those concerned.

The other observation which I wish to make has reference to the Newfoundland Convention. Your Lordships, I daresay, have noticed that the French Government was not able to obtain for the Convention the ratification of the French Chambers before their separation a short time ago. The question which we had to consider was whether it was well for His Majesty's Government to ratify in the absence of ratification by the French Parliament. We had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that it was not desirable that our ratification should not be withheld. We have no reason whatever for believing that when the French Chambers meet again early in the month of November their consent will not be given, and we thought it would have had a very unfortunate effect if we had, by our action in postponing legislation, shown that we entertained any suspicion of the attitude which the French Chambers were likely to adopt. We have had no reason to complain of the manner in which the whole of these proposals have been received by this country and by Parliament, and we lay this Bill before your Lordships with confidence that it will receive your approval.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Marquess of Lansdowne.*)

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON: My Lords, your Lordships will not expect that I am about to offer any opposition to this Bill. On the contrary, I think His Majesty's Government were quite right in bringing in this Bill and passing it through Parliament in the circumstances which my noble friend has described. I am particularly glad to hear that the other Powers have agreed to the Khedivial Decree. This is a most important matter; and, as they have agreed, as my noble friend says, very readily, we may hope that that complicated and mischievous system which has previously existed will be now brought to an end. I think also that His Majesty's Government are right in not withholding their ratification. I have no doubt that the French Chambers, when they meet, will ratify the Convention so far as is necessary, and I think it would have been showing an unnecessary suspicion of what might be done if the British ratification had been withheld. It is quite unnecessary that my noble friend should enter into any further discussion in regard to the French Treaty. I only desire to allude to it for the purpose of associating myself entirely with the remarks which were made by my noble friend Lord Spencer at an early period of the session, when my noble friend went out of his way, and, I think, quite rightly, to express his approval of the general provisions of this scheme. I entirely concur in those observations. I think the scheme is one which will be very advantageous to this country, and which reflects honour on my noble friend the Foreign Secretary.

On Question, Bill read 2ª; Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª on Monday next.

IRISH LAND BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND (Lord ASHBOURNE): My Lords, this is a Bill to explain and amend Section 48 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, with respect to the payment and application of the percentage provided by that section. It deals with a matter that has been mentioned very often in the Press and elsewhere in reference to the payment of the bonus, and its object is to clear up some points with reference to which there has been some doubt. It provides, in Clause 1, that any land, wholly or partly untenanted, sold to the Land Commission or the Congested Districts Board may be regarded as an estate for the purpose of the payment of any percentage under Section 48 of the Act of last year. It then makes perfectly clear that the percentage mentioned in Section 48, may, subject to the enactments contained in the proviso to Sub-section 1 and in Sub-section 4 thereof, be paid to any vendor, other than the Congested Districts Board, whether such vendor is a person entitled to a beneficial interest in the land sold, or is a trustee or other person not so entitled, and save as provided, shall be held by him on the trusts, if any, affecting the purchase money. The third clause provides that where the vendor is a tenant for life or a person having the powers of a tenant for life under the Settled Land Acts, 1882 to 1890, the percentage shall, subject to the enactments mentioned, be retained by him as his own proper moneys for his own use and benefit, free and discharged from all claims upon the lands sold, or the purchase money thereof, and from any trust affecting the same. I beg to move that the Bill be read a second time.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2^{a}."—(*Lord Ashbourne.*)

THE EARL OF WESTMEATH: My Lords, I need hardly say that at this stage of the session I do not rise for the purpose of opposing this Bill. I only rise to make clear the position which I and a great many other Irish landlords hold on this matter, Your Lordships will recollect that when the Land Bill was before the House last year Irish landlords displayed a unanimity and agreement which is not always found in an assemblage of Irishmen. In fact, only on one point was it found that there was a general disagreement. That point was the one dealt with in this Bill. Opinion was at that time divided. There were those who held that the bonus ought to be given into the hands of the actual owner because he had incurred so many losses and so much trouble during the struggles of the land war; and there were others, a much smaller body, who considered that this war was not quite an honest proceeding, and that this being part of the purchase money it ought to follow the trust. This Bill makes it clear that the bonus is to go into the hands of the actual owner. I may say that I have not in the least changed the view which I formed last year, that it is not quite honest that this money should be diverted from the trust.

When the Bill now before your Lordships was first introduced, it was found to contain several provisions which were distinctly objectionable. We brought those provisions to the notice of His Majesty's Government, and I think it only fair to say that they have endeavoured to meet us in every way, and have removed the greatest objections we had to the Bill, for which we are very much obliged to them. Having entered, on my own behalf and on behalf of other noble Lords from Ireland, a protest against this Bill, I wish to say that, as it is to become law, I hope it will help the Act of last year to work more smoothly. We shall certainly give it our assistance.

I do not like to resume my seat without associating myself with the protest which was made yesterday by the noble Lords the Earl of Wemyss and the Duke of Northumberland against the treatment which we receive in this House. It has been said that there is no way of altering this, except by carrying on Bills from one session to another. It has been said that Bills have been originated in this House, but have got no further. That is due to the loquacity of Members in the other House. I certainly think we should not suffer on that account. I have been wondering what possible objection there can be to more Bills being initiated in this House. Is it to be said that there is not sufficient intelligence on the Front Bench to bring in a Bill without being guided by the discussion in the other House, or that the majority of your Lordships have not sufficient intelligence to find out mistakes in a Bill, unless under similar guidance? I am not one of those who think that a Peer need necessarily be more deficient in intelligence than anybody else. I do not see why, for instance, the Licensing Bill could not have been initiated in this House. As long as noble Lords are satisfied to be treated like a flock of sheep nothing can be done. But I would suggest that if we are treated in this way next year, a sufficient number of patriotic Peers should form themselves into a sort of holy alliance and remain here till September, if necessary.

*THE EARL OF CREWE: My Lords, I do not propose to follow the noble Earl in the very lively description he has given of the manner in which your Lordships' House is treated. I can only say that we shall await with great interest in the coming session the action of those independent Peers, whose numbers always seem to me to be far too small, on this point of the treatment which this House receives at the hands of the other House. Nor do I propose to offer the slightest opposition to the Bill introduced by the noble and learned Lord opposite. I think it was perfectly clear that it was the intention of Parliament last session that this bonus should be paid to the life tenant. There were, and are, arguments against taking that course; but there is this consideration, which seems to me to make it evident that the Government, in settling this matter in the way they have done, have pursued a reasonable course. The allocation of this bonus is not really a matter for Irish landlords at all. It is a free gift from the taxpayers of the whole of the country in order to lubricate the working of this particular Act, and consequently, it is at the free disposal of Parliament. Even though some noble Lords may consider, and consider with great plausibility, that this particular money ought to be paid to the estate rather than to the life tenant, I think it is upon the will of the majority of Parliament that the matter must be allowed to rest. Of course, if any landowner in Ireland has any scruple about taking this money, it is perfectly open to him, when he receives it, to apply it to the purposes of his estate trust.

*LORD EMLY: My Lords, I do not rise to oppose this Bill, but I think His Majesty's Government might darn not only the small tears but also the large rents in the garment. The Government are very sensitive as regards the landlords' position, but I see no great sensitiveness as regards the tenants' position. I do not object to the landlord's interest being safeguarded, but I think the tenant's interest might be safeguarded also. His Majesty's Government have absolutely and entirely ignored the interests of the evicted tenants and of the labourers. The noble Earl said there was a wonderful unanimity on the subject of the Land Act. Of course there is in your Lordships' House. For instance, when the Land Act was passing through Parliament, the noble Earl the Under-Secretary of State for War was in war paint. He was the foremost fighting champion of the landlord interest. I am glad to see that he has breached over the tremendous differences that existed between himself and His Majesty's Government, and I congratulate His Majesty's Government on having kissed and made friends with the noble Earl.

On Question, Bill read 2^a; Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3^a on Monday next.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

[SECOND READING.]

Order of the day for the Second Reading read.

*THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY (The Earl of SELBORNE): My Lords, if this Bill settled permanently all the great questions raised by the introduction of wireless telegraphy, I think your Lordships would have very strong reasons to complain that it was brought to your attention at this late period of the session; but the Bill has not that character. It is a temporary Bill, and expires in two years. Therefore it does not attempt to settle once for all the great questions which are beginning to be raised by the introduction of wireless telegraphy—questions which affect the defence of this country, the trade and internal communications of this country, and the progress of invention. In view of our experience in the matter of electricity, there was a great deal of disinclination to attempt to settle this question in a manner which might have the effect supposed to have been produced by legislation passed twenty years ago, in dwarfing and checking the progress of invention. I think that the plan adopted by the Government has obviated those difficulties and disarmed criticism, and, at the same time, has met what really were two very pressing needs. In the first place, it was a standing danger to the defence of this country by land and by sea, that there was no method of controlling wireless telegraphy at all. It was perfectly possible for anybody who chose to do so to set up a wireless telegraph installation, and to communicate with anybody at sea or across the Channel. There was absolutely no means of knowing what installations were set up, and it was a very real and pressing necessity of national defence that power should be taken to control all installations of this kind. Again, a peculiarity of wireless telegraphy is that, unless it is controlled, its whole utility may be negatived and nothing but chaos supervene. If the coast were studded with wireless telegraph stations under no control and in competition with one another, the only possible result would be that they would be all quite useless, and ships, whether of His Majesty's Navy or of the mercantile marine, would be unable to communicate with the shore or with each other. Therefore, for the proper civilised use of the invention control is essential. The third point is that at this transition period it was very important that vested rights should not be allowed to grow up, which the State hereafter might have to purchase at an immense cost. These three points are dealt with in the Bill, and yet no attempt is made to arrive at a permanent settlement. I ask your Lordships on this basis to accept the Bill and to read it a second time.

Moved, "That the Bill be now read 2ª."—(*The Earl of Selborne.*)

On Question, Bill read 2ª; Committee negatived; and Bill to be read 3ª on Monday next.

House adjourned at five minutes past One o'clock, to Monday next, a quarter past Four o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Saturday, 13th August, 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the Clock.

PETITIONS.

EAST INDIA (PRINCES' AND CHIEFS' GRAND JURY).

Petition from Cambridge and other places, for legislation; to lie upon the Table.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS ACT, 1897.

Petitions for alteration of Law; from Barry; and Brighouse; to lie upon the Table.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

PUBLIC RECORDS (IRELAND.)

Copy presented, of Thirty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records and Keeper of the State Papers in Ireland [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898, AND REGISTRATION (IRELAND) ACT, 1898 (ORDERS AND RULES).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 12th August; *Mr. Wyndham*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 363.]

VAGRANCY.

Copy presented, of Report to the President of the Local Government Board on methods of dealing with Vagrancy in Switzerland [by Command]; to lie upon the Table.

PAUPERISM AND DEATH RATE.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 12th August; *Sir Walter Foster*];

to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 364.]

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Copy presented, of Orders in Council of 10th August, 1904 (a) revoking Orders in Council of 5th May, 1873, and 29th January, 1904, relating to the remeasurement of French ships in this country; and (b) exempting from remeasurement in His Majesty's Dominions French ships whose certificates of registry are dated on or after 1st July, 1904 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

FOREIGN JURISDICTION ACT, 1890.

Copy presented, of Orders in Council of 10th August, 1904, entitled respectively, The Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1904, and The Zanzibar Order in Council, 1904 [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

PATENTS ACT, 1902.

Copy presented, of Order made by the Board of Trade, in pursuance of Section 1 (11) of The Patents Act, 1902, fixing the date for the coming into operation of the Section [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.

Mr. SPEAKER laid upon the Table:—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1904, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, 27th Parliament, Fifth session, 4th Edward VII., 2nd February, 1904, to 15th August, 1904; to be printed. [No. 365.]

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EDUCATION).

Return ordered, "showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in England and Wales have applied funds to the purposes of Technical Education, and of other forms of Education other than elementary, during the year 1903–4, under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; Public Libraries and Museums Acts; and Education Act, 1902."—(*Sir William Anson.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CIRCULATED WITH THE VOTES.

Irish Land—Compensation for Surrender of Holdings to Evicted Tenants.

MR. KILBRIDE (Kildare, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether his attention has been directed to a letter from the Estates Commissioners to John Purcell, Esq., D.C., Arless, Queen's County, representing Mr. P. J. McLaughlin, an evicted tenant now in America, in which it is expressly stated that the Estates Commissioners have no power to compel the tenant in occupation of the evicted farm to give it up, or to compensate him for doing so; and, if so, whether, in view of the statements to the effect that such persons could be compensated, made during the passage of the Irish Land Bill last session and since, he will take steps, by legislation or otherwise, to give such power to the Estates Commissioners.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The hon. Member has been good enough to furnish me with a copy of the letter in question. But some misunderstanding seems to exist because the apparently simple question, "can the Estates Commissioners make an advance for the purpose of compensating a tenant for leaving his holding?" raises several issues which in reality are distinct. (1). In the case of a holding forming part of an estate which is not "purchased or proposed to be purchased" no advance can be made. Such a case is outside the scope of Section 12 of the Irish Land Act, 1903. (2.) In the case of a holding forming part of an estate "purchased or proposed to be purchased," compensation may be paid, under Sections 12 and 43, for the "benefit or improvement" of that estate, or "generally for the purposes" of the Act, one of which is the restoration of evicted tenants in connection with a transaction for sale, but not otherwise. (3.) The suggestion that compensation may be paid for this purpose seems sometimes to be made in respect of a third category of cases, viz., where the present holder has purchased under a previous Land Act. On such cases I express no opinion, and refer the hon. Member to the reply given on 19th July to the hon. Member for Tipperary, South.†

Visits of Women Inspectors to Army Clothing Factory.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): To ask the Financial Secretary to the War Office what was the date of the latest visit of any member of the women inspectors' staff from the Home Office to the Army Clothing works since the visit of His Majesty's principal woman inspector in the time of his predecessor and prior to the deputation; and at what date the electric fans now used were put in.

(*Answered by Mr. Bromley Davenport.*) In reply to the first part of the Question, there has been no visit since the one referred to. In reply to the second part of the Question, four electric fans were put in about 20th July last, and four more on the 4th August. These are additional to the nine fans in the Inspection Department, which have been in use since last November.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

Pimlico Army Clothing Works.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean): I beg to ask the Financial Secretary to the War Office on what dates, since the promise of improvement in ventilation given to the deputation which waited on the late Secretary of State for War and the late Financial Secretary in August last, the Pimlico Army Clothing Works have been inspected by any Home Office inspector; and what was the instrument used by the inspector who visited the works after the death of Alice Wright for ascertaining the proportion of carbon dioxide in the air.

*THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE WAR OFFICE (Mr. BROMLEY DAVENPORT, Cheshire, Macclesfield): The dates of visits by a Home Office inspector to the Army Clothing Factory since the date of the deputation on various questions connected with the Royal Army Clothing Department, to which the right hon. Baronet presumably alludes, were 28th November, 1903; 24th March; 23rd and 24th June, 1904. I have ascertained from the Home Office that the samples of air were taken by the Inspector in bottles, six in number, on the 24th June, and were sent to Mr. W. J. A. Butterfield, consulting chemist, for analysis, who probably tested them by the Petten Koffer method.

Shrewsbury Municipal Charities.

MR. H. D. GREENE (Shrewsbury): I beg to ask the hon. Member for Tunbridge, as representing the Charity Commissioners, whether any fresh scheme for the Shrewsbury Municipal Charities has been approved or framed by the Commissioners, and when it is likely to be made public, and whether it will be in operation before November.

*MR. GRIFFITH BOSCAWEN (Kent, Tunbridge): No scheme has yet been framed by the Charity Commissioners for the Shrewsbury Municipal Charities, as the Commissioners have not yet received the necessary application from the trustees.

Swine Fever in Midlothian.

THE MASTER OF ELIBANK (Edinburgh, Midlothian): I beg to ask the hon. Member for North Huntingdonshire, as representing the President of the Board of Agriculture, whether he is in a position to make any further statement with regard to swine fever in Midlothian and the very considerable grievance felt by the farmers on the borders thereof.

*MR. AILWYN FELLOWES (Huntingdonshire, Ramsey) was understood to say, in reply, that the county of Midlothian was now free from the disease, with the exception, perhaps, of two spots which might still be looked upon as dangerous. He understood the complaint was that the three counties bordering on Midlothian would not accept swine freely from Midlothian. He would venture to suggest that they should do all in their power to get the two spots clear and when that was done they would have a strong case to put before the adjoining counties for the removal of the restrictions against their pigs.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxviii., 407.

NEW MEMBER SWORN.

Alexander Findlay, esquire, for the County of Lanark (North Eastern Division).

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

Moved, "That this House do meet on Monday next, at Five of the clock."—(*Mr. A. J. Balfour.*)

MR. EDMUND ROBERTSON (Dundee): May we take it that there will be no business at all on Monday except the formal business of the prorogation.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY (Sir A. ACLAND-HOOD, Somersetshire, Wellington): So far as I know, there will be none; but, of course, if the Lords amend the Bills sent up to them, those Bills will have to come back to the House of Commons.

Resolved, "That this House do meet on Monday next, at Five of the clock."—(*Mr. A. J. Balfour.*)

CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

[Third Reading.]

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time."

***MR. WEIR** (Ross and Cromarty) regretted that it should be his duty on what was practically the last day of the session to bring forward a number of important questions, but it was not his fault, for he was not responsible for the distribution of the time of the House. In the first place, he desired to touch upon matters connected with education in Scotland and to the Reports which had been issued on physical deterioration and physical training. These Reports dwelt specially upon the unsatisfactory condition of many of the schools, which were badly ventilated and insanitary. He himself had visited many of the schools, especially in his own constituency, and he had found their condition so bad that he was compelled to ask the attention of the House to the matter. Not only were they ill-ventilated but there was a lack of a proper water supply. In some cases the children had to drink water from streams which were used by cattle and horses. In his opinion every school should have a proper water supply, and should be properly ventilated, otherwise how could they expect the little ones to grow up strong and healthy. Then he thought more attention should be paid by the school authorities to the teaching of domestic economy and cookery, and he hoped the central board would circularise the teachers again on that subject. Another matter with which he wished to deal was connected with the carriage of fish and agricultural produce from the Highlands. Months ago he addressed a communication to the Secretary for Scotland on the subject and elicited a promise that some action should be taken. He would again impress upon the right hon. Gentleman the importance of actively intervening. Some of the companies were at the present time charging most exorbitant rates for the carriage of fish, and, in addition to that, there was so much delay with the traffic that the fish on arrival was often unfit for sale, so that the consignor had to lose the value of the consignment as well as to pay unduly heavy carriage rates.

Next he desired to submit one or two matters to the Colonial Secretary on the question of the education of the Tamil coolie children in Ceylon. He had already addressed several Questions to the right hon. Gentleman on this subject, but hitherto had failed to obtain a satisfactory answer. This was a matter which Sir West Ridgeway, the late Governor, should have attended to years ago, but instead of looking after the welfare of the people whom he was deputed to govern he indulged in elephant hunting. Ceylon had a population of 3,500,000 and of these only 750,000 were able to read and write. There was an enormous number of children on the estates, but only about 2,000 of them was receiving a systematic education. On many estates there were no schools at all for these Tamil coolie children, and planters were in the habit of putting them to work at the early age of six years. Now a very different regime obtained in British Guiana. There planters were subject to a heavy fine for failure to provide proper education, and they were not allowed to employ children under nine years of age. A Report was sent to the Colonial Secretary on the state of affairs in Ceylon some time since, but up to the present its publication had been withheld. He had been told that it was not of a very satisfactory character.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is not entitled to refer to a Report which is not on the Table of the House.

MR. WEIR said he would not, of course, press the point further, but would content himself with urging on the Colonial Secretary that something should be done for the education of the Tamil coolie children. Surely such a disastrous state of things should not be allowed to exist any longer in a British colony! Let the right hon. Gentleman stop the planters employing the children in the fields at six years of age, and let the Government take a lesson from what was done in British Guiana. In his opinion the Colonial Secretary, if he would only examine into the matter for himself, would blame Sir West Ridgeway for devoting himself to elephant hunting instead of looking after the interests of the people over whom he ruled.

He desired to call the attention of the Colonial Secretary to the terribly insanitary condition of the Chinese houses in Hong-Kong. In many of these houses two or three hundred persons were to be found living in cubicles without ventilation or light. Wealthy merchants, both British and Chinese, bought up the land and erected enormously high houses. He asked the right hon. Gentleman if he would endeavour to put a stop to that sort of thing. He believed there was no colony more corrupt than Hong-Kong. There the speculator seemed to have everything very much his own way. It was a disgrace to our Empire. The hon. Member also called attention to the desirability of having the obstructions on the Canton River removed. Negotiations on this matter had been going on with the Chinese Government for years. He was informed some time ago that a survey was being made. No survey was needed. The obstructions ought to be removed so that British vessels would be able to have free passage on the river. As to our Consular reports, he said that they were of a most meagre description compared with those of the American and German Consuls, and he urged that fuller reports should be obtained in view of their great usefulness to merchants and traders. The offices of our Consuls were open wo hours a day less than those of America and Germany. They were open only from ten to twelve, and from two to four, and ships' captains who wanted to see our Consuls frequently found that they were unable to do so. He complained of the lack of provision for the poor of Egypt, and also of the inadequate accommodation for lunatics. He expressed the hope that attention would be given to these matters, and that something would be done to improve the present state of matters. They were told that the lash had been abolished, but that was not correct, for he himself had seen the police thrash men in the most abominable fashion. That was a state of matters which should not be allowed in any country under the control of Great Britain. So long as the Prime Minister took the course he had recently taken in limiting the opportunities for debate, private Members would be obliged to avail themselves of such opportunities as the present to bring these matters before the House.

***SIR ALBERT ROLLIT** (Islington, S. said there were one or two points to which he wished to refer briefly, as no other opportunity had occurred during the session for calling attention to them. He drew the Colonial Secretary's attention to the question of the development of Cyprus, expressing the hope that the right hon. Gentleman would continue the policy of his predecessor (the right hon. J. Chamberlain). The great difficulty in the island was the payment of the tribute, which he hoped would at least be commuted at no distant date. In many respects much had been done for the people of the island, and he would like to know what had been the progress made with irrigation works, which were absolutely essential, when they were likely to be completed, and whether any indication had already been given of their success. The harbour works at

Famagusta, as to which he should be glad to hear a report of progress, Larnaca, and Limasol were also of great moment; and he hoped something would be done with reference to the railways for which the surveys had been made. He was quite sure if some attention were paid to the island as a place for cotton growing, and for the wine, silk, and other industries and many other purposes, not only would it be developed, but at the same time it might be made, in the end, a source of revenue instead of a burden, by way of annual deficit chiefly caused by the tribute, on the British Exchequer. He hoped he might have some assurance that the subject was not being lost sight of, and he acknowledged that, in the correspondence he had had with the right hon. Gentleman, he had met with great courtesy and consideration.

He should also like to draw attention to the matter of special schools, which had not been dealt with in the recent satisfactory statement of the Secretary to the Board of Education; he referred specially to navigation and nautical schools. These had been the subject of correspondence by himself with the Department, and Regulation 39 now provided that the Board might continue the Science and Art Grants made in 1903-4 during the following year. So far so good, and he thanked the hon. Baronet the Parliamentary Secretary for Education (Sir William Anson) for having met the case by prolonging the grants for a year by means of that temporary regulation. But that was a temporary continuance, and he hoped that the nautical and navigation schools would be dealt with in a special manner and as special schools. He spoke especially for the Trinity House Navigation School in Hull, one of the best in the country, and one which had contributed to the mercantile marine most able masters and mates, and in its time to the Royal Navy an Admiral of the Fleet, Sir John Lawson. It had an excellent master, and it was doing the very best work. There were other schools in the country to which the same remarks applied, and, while he thanked the hon. Baronet for what he had done in continuing the grants for 1904-5, he hoped that he would be able to assure the House that these most valuable and characteristically national schools would meet with special consideration and be provided for by special regulations. It might be true that the curriculum of the Hull Trinity House School was not as that of any other nautical school or of any secondary school in England or in France or in Germany, but no other school was doing the same work so successfully, and the high mathematical training was most disciplinary and useful, and if the age of the boys was low this was necessary in seafaring training. He hoped, therefore, that the continuation of the cessation of the Science and Art Grants for the day-classes in such schools would not be adhered to, and he thanked the Board of Education for the temporary regulation and for the promised interview on the subject in the autumn, which he hoped would result in the permanent continuance of the grants.

*MR. PIERPOINT (Warrington) said he wished to take exception to the statement of the hon. Member who had just spoken when he spoke of the Island of Cyprus as being a burden on this country. Far from being a burden, as the Colonial Secretary well knew, the island relieved England and France from payment of a debt guaranteed by them.

SIR ALBERT ROLLIT said that what he really meant was, that owing to the payment of the tribute there was a balance left against the island which was met by the British Exchequer. He believed that the island would prove of great benefit to this country.

*MR. PIERPOINT said he was very glad to have given the hon. Member an opportunity of making that explanation. The Exchequer was relieved by our possession of the island of the payment of £41,000, and France was relieved to the same extent under the Crimean Guarantee Loan of 1855. When Captain Singe and Mr. Suter were captured by brigands in Macedonia, application was made to the Treasury for the ransom demanded. After a very proper homily that the Treasury could not be held responsible for every adventurous Englishman, the ransom was paid out of the surplus accumulations of the Cyprus tribute. His hon. friend said he hoped that the Cyprus tribute might be commuted, and if nothing better could be done he joined in the hope that some day it would be commuted. He, however, referred his right hon. friend the Colonial Secretary to the wording of the original bond of 1878. The words were, "England will pay." There was nothing whatever in the bond about what Cyprus would pay, and there was no consultation with the Cypriotes before the bond was entered into. It had since been interpreted not that England would pay, but that Cyprus would pay. As a legal question, he submitted to his right hon. friend that it could not be maintained that the tenants on land which was mortgaged were liable for the interest on the mortgage, but that was what the course adopted in regard to Cyprus meant. Part of the original intention was that Cyprus should be made a *place d'armes*, and that there would be a large Imperial expenditure in the island. That intention had, however, been abandoned, and practically nothing had been spent. The whole garrison in the island consisted of only one company of infantry.

He desired to put before the Colonial Secretary an idea which had been favourably considered by the right hon. Gentleman's predecessor. It was that a great deal might be done for the island by making it a free port and emporium for the Near East, so that shippers from England might accumulate their goods in Cyprus, whence they might be distributed throughout Syria, Asia Minor, and other Turkish territory, so as to obviate two Customs tariffs. That would be a great benefit to the island and to the merchants of this country. Reports showed the difficulties these Cypriotes had to contend with from recurring droughts. In 1902–3 £25,000 had actually to be spent in relief works. He thought the House would acknowledge that it was rather hard that from an average revenue of £180,000 they should be liable to pay a tribute of nearly £93,000. The consequence was that nearly every year Cyprus had to come to this country for a grant-in-aid amounting to about £30,000, on the average. But this was after the payment of £41,000 to the 1855 bondholders in this country, and £41,000 to the French bondholders. That left a balance of £11,000 as the amount which this country benefited by the possession of Cyprus. Had the circumstances been properly considered before the Convention of 1878 he could not help feeling that no such burden would have been put on the island. He knew that a high authority had said that it was quite impossible for the island to bear this burden, and that England ought to pay it. There was another matter of a totally different nature to what he wished to refer. He regretted to have to raise the question in the absence of the Prime Minister. His point was to press on the Prime Minister to make some reasonable change in the new rules of the House.

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order! I would remind the hon. Gentleman that this matter does not arise in discussion of the Bill now before the House.

Mr. LOUIS SINCLAIR (Essex, Romford) said that he wished to draw the attention of the Prime Minister to the fact that a Committee had been appointed to inquire into the functions of the various Government Departments. Instead of an inquiry into all the Departments, the Committee had so far only reported with regard to the Board of Trade and the Local Government Board. He hoped that next session the Committee would continue its investigations with a view to the improvement of the machinery of administration in this country and the prevention of overlapping. On 3rd March of last year, a Committee was appointed to consider the question, and it reported about a year ago; but, like many other Reports, very little notice was taken of it, and no satisfactory reply regarding it could be obtained from the Prime Minister. There was no country in the civilised world which had such difficult methods of administering its great Departments as had this country. They knew how the Board of Trade was constituted; and the wonder was it did such good work in the absence of all its members except the President. With regard to the Home Office, it was notorious that justice was more expensive in this country than in any other; and that there were, in consequence, more miscarriages of justice. It was also a well-known fact that it was the advocate who won the case, not the justice of it. He knew a case involving very intricate questions in which the lawyer engaged threw up his brief to accept a better one.

*Mr. SPEAKER: This does not appear to be relevant. On what particular portion of the Estimates does the hon. Gentleman base his remarks?

Mr. LOUIS SINCLAIR said he desired to point out that the Home Office was the only Ministry of Justice in this country; and the House of Commons had no means of supervising its general administration. He would not, however, pursue the point. He would wish to refer to the Police Courts, over which the Home Office had jurisdiction. There was a case in which a school board summoned——

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order! The Home Office advises as to the remission of sentences; but the cases themselves are dealt with by the police magistrates, whose salaries are not upon the Estimates.

Mr. LOUIS SINCLAIR said he would, of course, bow to the ruling of the Chair. He desired, however, to mention a case of injustice which had occurred in a Police Court.

*Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order! That cannot be done now.

Mr. LOUIS SINCLAIR said he was sorry he was out of order. He would revert to the overlapping of great Departments. Instead of having, as in other countries, a Ministry of Commerce, a Ministry of the Interior, and a Ministry of Justice, there were offices of State in this country in which no duties were performed except the duty of accepting salary. It was a pity, in these days of competition, that they should have the Board of Trade constituted as it was centuries ago, and that they should have a Home Office without the necessary machinery to perform its duties. He hoped that next session the Prime Minister would be able to consider the Report with reference to the proper education of commercial *attachés*, as it was of the greatest importance that the Consular service should be administered by sound business men.

Mr. CHARLES DEVLIN (Galway) said that a sum of £6,000 appeared in the Irish Development Grant for a dredger; and the Chief Secretary stated that it was intended for the harbours on the north and east coasts of Ireland. He himself mentioned that the dredger would also be required on the west coast; and the Chief Secretary then stated that it would be sent all round. He had brought the matter before the House on several occasions; and the Chief Secretary led him to expect that the dredger would be available as soon as possible, especially for the harbour of Galway. For years Galway had been asking for a dredger; and the result of its not having been supplied was that the docks were being silted up, and could not be properly used. He asked that the dredger, which was now being provided, should be placed, as soon as possible, at the disposal of the Harbour Board of Galway. There was another point he wished to mention. Last year he put a Question to the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was then Postmaster-General, with reference to the mail service to Canada and the United States. The right hon. Gentleman then said that the harbour of Galway would be considered in connection with the service. He, himself, was satisfied that Galway was the natural terminus for the service. Great advantages would be gained by its selection. The distance would be shortened by 400 miles, and there would be a saving of a day in the delivery of the mails. The session, so far as the Irish Members were concerned, had not been satisfactory. It was not through any fault of theirs, but they found themselves face to face with a Government that did not care a rap for Ireland, and who were only anxious to take as much and give as little as was possible to Ireland. He contended that the money taken from Ireland belonged to the Irish people and should go back to them.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES (Mr. Lyttelton, Warwick and Leamington), referring to observations made concerning Cyprus, said that a memorial from the elective members in Cyprus in regard to agriculture, which he presumed included irrigation, and also in regard to the harbour works at Famagusta, had expressed satisfaction with the administration of the island. He would give the hon. Member who desired information full details hereafter. Great benefit to Cyprus had resulted from the remission of taxation. On an income of £190,000 a year there had been a net remission of more than £20,000 a year; and the manner of collecting the taxes had been improved in a way that was markedly beneficial to the taxpayers. As regarded the education of native children in Ceylon, a Report had recently been received suggesting certain reforms. He had consulted educational authorities of high standing in this country on the subject, and hon. Members might be satisfied that this matter had not been lost sight of. He regretted that in the absence of notice he could not answer inquiries by the hon. Member for Ross and Cromarty regarding certain Chinese residents in Hong-Kong.

Sir G. DOUGHTY (Great Grimsby) desired to join earnestly in the appeal to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education in respect to the grant to the nautical and navigation schools, which had rendered numerous and important services to the mercantile marine. He hoped that the Secretary of the Education Department, in considering this question would, if possible, endeavour to so arrange the grant that it might be permanent, because it was a very great advantage to the mercantile marine generally, and more particularly to the fisheries of the United Kingdom. The Trinity House School at Hull and other institutions had rendered enormous services to the fisheries in matters of nautical education and they attached very great importance to their continuance and general efficiency. He was exceedingly pleased with the statement which the right hon. Gentleman had made as to the working of the Education Act. He also referred to the question of the extension of communication with Iceland and the Faröe Islands. It was more than three years since the Postmaster-General was approached, but they had heard nothing definite from him. For several months in the year those islands were disconnected, and in the case of the Norge disaster the other day a number of poor people were landed on the Faröe Islands and it was a week before we knew anything about it. He hoped the Postmaster-General would do something in the matter.

The PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY to the BOARD of EDUCATION (Sir William Anson, Oxford University), in reply, said it was perfectly true that the nautical schools did not come within the category of schools other than elementary, which the Board of Education assisted. They were, however, fully sensible of the special advantages in the preparation of boys for the Navy, and they were also fully convinced of the valuable work done by the schools referred to, but he hoped the hon. Member would not press him to go further.

Mr. CROOKS (Woolwich) asked for information with regard to the ventilation of the clothing works at Pimlico, and urged on the President of the Local Government Board the desirability of encouraging more activity on the part of his inspectors in promoting the sanitation of London districts. He asked whether some of the energy expended by the Department on the promotion of vaccination could not be devoted to the prevention of overcrowding. Certain landlords in the East End were getting three times the rental value of their property because of the overcrowding permitted. The sanitary inspector ought to be compelled to do his duty as well as the vaccination officer. Why should not coercion be put into operation against overcrowding, which tended to make unworthy people rich? Whenever anything was wanted hon. Members could always get sympathetic replies from the various Departments, but they were invariably told that the matter had had to go to the Treasury and had there been vetoed. For instance, there was the Report of the Bradford Committee. Doubtless the sympathetic words of the Postmaster-General would be very comforting to the poor postmen, but of what practical use would they be? The

Treasury stood in the way. During the winter the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Financial Secretary would doubtless be considering the Budget for next year, and he asked that they should give some attention to the natural and proper demands of the postal servants for better remuneration. They ought not to plead that there was no money in the country. The Government got the money somehow, and they spent it somehow, but it did not go to the benefit of those who needed it most. It always seemed to be a case of greasing the fat sow; those who had most were given most. Government servants ought to be paid the standard rate of wages. It would doubtless mean an increase of expenditure, but it would probably result in a decrease of rates, because when people were paid so badly they could not obtain proper food, and then when they broke down their medical attendance had to be paid for by the rates. If men were worth employing they were worth feeding and keeping properly. The Government were exceedingly generous in making grants to places like Cyprus—of which he knew nothing except by reading—and why should they not make a few grants in aid of people of whom we did know something? Money was urgently needed for the provision of houses in many parts of the country, and he suggested that the Government might be well advised if they advanced a million or two for that purpose.

*Mr. SPEAKER: These are matters for legislation; they do not arise on the administrative work of the Government.

Mr. CROOKS said the idea he had in mind was that the money might be spent so much better than was now the case. Those who lived amongst the humblest and poorest of the people knew what struggles there would be for work and food during the coming winter, and he wished to urge that next year matters should be so arranged that the money of the nation was not wasted but put to purposes for the benefit of the community at large.

Mr. DELANY (Queen's County, Ossory) expressed his regret at the

barrenness of the session so far as Ireland was concerned. The Irish people had been led to believe that the University question would be settled, but their hopes had been disappointed. The Government had secured their "Landlords' Bonus" Bill, and he urged that during the winter now that the one obstacle to the working of the Land Act from the landlords' point of view had been removed, the Government should give the Act a fair trial, that they should not use their influence on the one side or the other, so as to see whether or not the Land Act, now on its trial, was a workable measure. He strongly appealed for a fair trial to be given to the provisions affecting evicted tenants.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

CUNARD AGREEMENT BILL.

[Third Reading.]

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time."

Mr. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid.) said that this Bill was promoted with three objects in view, first, to provide the Admiralty with two ships superior in speed to anything they at present possessed; secondly, to provide as far as possible for the transfer of these ships to the British flag; and, thirdly, to uphold the prestige of the British flag in the matter of speedy communications on the Atlantic route. These were Imperial objects of the first importance. The speed of the Atlantic steamers had very greatly increased of late years. In 1887 it was eighteen knots an hour, a speed then looked upon as remarkable; it was now twenty-three knots and there was no reason why in the ordinary development of commerce the speed should not be increased. There was no difficulty in building vessels which would make the Atlantic trip in five days; the only reason it was not done was that it suited the shipbuilders to increase the speed gradually. Germany now had ships going at twenty-three knots an hour, and the Government proposed by this agreement to go one better and get ships which would go twenty-four and a half knots. If they accomplished it, Germany would build still faster boats, and the only result of this high-speed subsidy would be to create a rivalry in the building of fast boats which would leave us no better off than we were now. In Germany it had been found out that these high speeds could be attained on commercial lines. Foreign vessels were only subsidised in certain cases, as for instance, when they opened new routes, not yet developed, where but for the subsidy it would be impossible to run, but even in those cases those vessels were only subsidised for ten years, the subsidy decreasing year by year. The Government was going to enter into this agreement, and get this line to build ships with a speed of twenty-five knots and give them a subsidy for naval and Admiralty purposes. That was a new policy which Germany would follow, and the ultimate result to us would be nothing. Take the case of the "Campania." She was now out of the Admiralty list, because she could not do twenty-one knots; when first built she could do twenty-one knots, and if the Government had come down to the House in 1887, and made such a contract with regard to the "Campania," we should be paying now for a vessel that was of no use to us. That was what he predicted would be the fate of this agreement. Either it would fail, or if it did succeed it would bring about rivalry which ultimately could be of no benefit to this country. All the Post Office contracts for the carriage of mails were made for the vessel to complete the voyage in a certain time, in a certain number of days. In the case of the Peninsular and Oriental contracts a certain number of hours were allowed for the ships to get from port to port, and there were penalties for being out of time. But in the agreement with the Cunard, that matter was left quite open; it was left in a general way; they were to go as fast as possible subject to safe navigation. The Post Office paid by weight and not by subsidy, and so far as this contract with the Cunard was concerned, if it was a mere contract for the carrying of letters, this country had no more interest in carrying letters to America than America had in bringing letters over here. We had hitherto refused to subsidise vessels running between this and foreign countries; the only subsidy we gave was to vessels going to our own Colonies. He warned the Government that this agreement would not be ultimately to our benefit, and that they would find, when it came to a question of building ships capable of a high rate of speed, that the Germans could build vessels to go quite as quickly as any we could build.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

CAPITAL EXPENDITIURE (MONEY) BILL.

Read the third time, and passed.

POST OFFICE (EAST INDIA, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA MAILS).

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Contract dated the 25th day of July, 1904, between the Postmaster-General and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the East India, China, and Australia Mails, printed in Parliamentary

Paper No. 328, of session 1904, be approved."—(*Mr. Victor Cavendish.*)

MR. CALDWELL (Lanarkshire, Mid.) said he could not allow this contract to pass without protest. It was one of the most important contracts which the Government had, and one in which the people of India were very deeply interested. The object of this Resolution was to renew for three years the existing contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company at an increase of £10,000 a year. There had been many complaints with regard to the Peninsular and Oriental service to India as to the exorbitant rates for passengers. It might be said that the ships of other countries running to India were subsidised, but in such cases there was always a proviso regulating the passenger fares. On the English lines the interest of the traders and the passengers travelling were not consulted at all. He noticed that the time was to be shortened by twenty-four hours, but from past experience of the Peninsular and Oriental Company they might know that there would be no increase of speed, and the time of the journey would not be shortened in any way. The Peninsular and Oriental Company did not keep up to their time at all. We had the slowest boats on the India, China, and Ceylon stations, because the Government had practically given a monopoly to this company. The enormous subsidy that the Government paid represented a 12 per cent. dividend on the capital of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, and it kept off all British competition. Foreign competition could take care of itself, and the best boats on those routes were the German boats. He recognised that this was a contract that must be renewed every three years. He did not take exception to that course, but he felt it necessary to bring before the notice of the noble Lord the great dissatisfaction which existed with regard to this monopoly, in the hope that something would be done in the direction of getting competitive tenders, either for the whole or for sections of this service. A huge monopoly of this kind was detrimental to communication between this country and India. He hoped no time would be lost by the Post Office in making arrangements for inviting competitive tenders in order to get rid of this monopoly.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Lord STANLEY, Lancashire, Westhoughton) said he agreed with a great deal of what the hon. Member had said. The Government were only asking for this contract for another three years in order to give them time to arrange a competitive scheme which would give all those who desired to compete time to build vessels in order to join in the competition for this contract.

Resolved, "That the Contract dated the 25th day of July, 1904, between the Postmaster-General and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the East India, China, and Australia Mails, printed in Parliamentary Paper, No. 328, of session 1904, be approved."—(*Mr. Victor Cavendish.*)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put.

Adjourned at thirteen minutes after Two o'clock till Monday next.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Monday, 15*th August*, 1904.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

VAGRANCY.

Report to the right hon. Walter H. Long, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, on methods of dealing with vagrancy in Switzerland, by H. Preston Thomas, Esquire, Local Government Board Inspector. Presented (by Command), and ordered to lie on the Table.

INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION (IRELAND).

Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the Examination in Music;

Additional rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland as to the French course.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1888.

Part I. Orders under Section 57 of the Act, as confirmed by the Local Government Board, of the following county and county borough councils:—

Brecon.—For uniting the parishes of Llandefailog-Trergraig and Llanfillo to form the parish of Llanfillo;

Burton-upon-Trent (County Borough).—For uniting the parishes of Burton-upon-Trent, Burton Extra, Horninglow, Stapenhill, and Winshill to form the parish of Burton-upon-Trent;

Cardiff (County Borough).—For uniting the parishes of St. John, St. Mary, Roath, and Canton to form the parish of Cardiff;

Chester.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Handforth into the Handforth Urban District;

Cornwall.—For the conversion of a portion of the rural parish of Antony into the urban district of Torpoint, and for the constitution of that portion of the parish a new parish, to be known as the parish of Torpoint;

Derby.—For transferring a part of the township of Great Longstone to the parish and urban district of Bakewell;

Derby.—For the division of the parish of Pleasley into the two parishes of Pleasley and Shirebrook;

Derby and Stafford.—For transferring part of the parish of Rolleston to the township of Marston-on-Dove and the rural district of Repton;

Essex.—For altering the boundary between the parishes of South Weald and Great Warley, and the rural districts of Romford and Billericay;

Glamorgan.—For uniting the parishes of Neath Higher and Neath Middle to form the parish of Neath Higher;

Hertford.—For transferring part of the parish of Watford Rural to the parish of Watford Urban and the urban district of Watford;

Lancaster, West Riding of Yorkshire and Burnley (County Borough).—For uniting the township of Heyhouses with parts of the townships of Goldshaw Booth, Higham with West Close Booth, Northtown, Read, Pendleton, and Wiswell to form the township of Sabden;

Leeds (County Borough)—

(*a*) For uniting the townships of Armley, Bramley, Wortley, and Farnley to form the township of Armley and Bramley;

(*b*) For uniting the townships of Holbeck and Beeston to form the township of Holbeck;

(*c*) For uniting the townships of Leeds, Headingley-cum-Burley, Potternewton, and Chapel Allerton to form the township of Leeds;

Leicester.—For uniting the parishes of Thurmaston North, and Thurmaston South to form the parish of Thurmaston;

Lincoln (Parts of Holland and Parts of Lindsey).—For transferring parts of the parish of Coningsby to the township of Langriville;

Middlesex.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Feltham into the Urban District of Feltham;

Monmouth.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Mynyddislwyn into the urban district of Mynyddislwyn;

An Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a Speech indicates revison by the Member.

Norfolk.—For the definition of the boundaries of the parish and urban district of New Hunstanton;

Somerset.—For the division of the parish of Meare into the parishes of Godney and Meare;

Southampton.—For the conversion of the rural parish of Fleet into the urban district of Fleet;

Stafford.—For the division of the parish of Sedgley into the parishes of Sedgley and Coseley;

Stafford.—For the conversion of the rural parishes of Wolstanton, Silverdale, and Chesterton into the Wolstanton United Urban District, for the extension of the urban districts of Kidsgrove, Smallthorne, and Tunstall, and for the abolition of the Wolstanton Rural District.

Stafford, Worcester, and Birmingham (County Borough).—For uniting an area formerly part of the parish of Beoley with the parish of Redditch;

Suffolk, East.—For the conversion of parts of the rural parishes of Carlton, Colville and Oulton into the urban district of Oulton Broad, and for the division of the parishes into the parishes of Carlton Colville, Oulton, and Oulton Broad;

Westmorland.—For the conversion of part of the rural parish of Shap into the urban district of Shap, and for the division of the parish into the parishes of Shap Rural and Shap Urban;

Yorkshire, North Riding of. — For altering the boundary between the townships of Snape and Well;

Yorkshire, West Riding of.—For transferring a part of the township of Newall-with-Clifton to the urban district and township of Otley:

Part II. Order under Section 59 of the Act, as confirmed by the Local Government Board, of the following county council:—

Middlesex.—For amending the county of Middlesex (Cowley and Hillington East) Confirmation Order, 1895, and the County of Middlesex (Yiewsley) Confirmation Order, 1895.

Part III. Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890:—

Borough of Swansea.—Statement of further modification permitted by the Local Government Board to be made in the improvement scheme confirmed by the Board by Provisional Order dated 19th June, 1876, which was confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Artizans and Labourers Dwellings) Act, 1876, subject to provisions of that Act.

Laid before the House (pursuant to Act), and ordered to lie on the Table.

CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION) BILL.

Brought from the Commons. Read 1^{a}. Then (Standing Order No. XXXIX. having been suspended) Bill read 2^{a} (The Earl Waldegrave). Committee negatived. Bill read 3^{a}, and passed.

CUNARD AGREEMENT (MONEY) BILL;

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (MONEY) BILL.

Brought from the Commons. Read 1^{a}. Then (Standing Order No. XXXIX. having been suspended) Bills read 2^{a} (The Earl of Selborne). Committees negatived. Bills read 3^{a}, and passed.

EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE BILL;

REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (SCOTLAND) BILL;

INDIAN COUNCILS BILL;

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL;

BISHOPRICS OF SOUTHWARK AND BIRMINGHAM BILL.

Read 3^{a} (according to order), and passed.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL [H.L.].

Commons Amendments considered (according to order).

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (The Earl of HALSBURY): My Lords, since we last met I have had an opportunity of examining these Amendments. They are more or less verbal Amendments, with the exception of one which appears to me to be a very great improvement of the Bill, and I have no hesitation in recommending your Lordships to agree with them.

Moved, "That this House do agree with the Commons Amendments."—(*The Lord Chancellor.*)

On Question, Motion agreed to.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION BILL;

ISLE OF MAN (CUSTOMS) BILL;

IRISH LAND BILL;

PRISONS (SCOTLAND) BILL;

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BILL.

Read 3ª (according to order), and passed.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

Bill read 3ª (according to order).

The FIRST LORD of the ADMIRALTY (The Earl of Selborne): My Lords, before this Bill passes I have a verbal Amendment to move which is consequential upon an Amendment made in the other House and which was omitted by accident. As they stand the words are meaningless.

Amendment moved to the Bill—

"In Clause 5, Sub-clause 1, lines 1 and 2, to leave out the words 'except with respect to the grant of licences.'"—(*The Earl of Selborne.*)

On Question, Amendment agreed to.

Bill passed, and returned to the Commons.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN IRELAND.

Lord EMLY: My Lords, on a recent occasion I called the attention of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland to the delays in connection with the building and repairs of national schools in Ireland. The Question I put to the noble and learned Lord was as follows—

"To ask His Majesty's Government whether they have taken any action, and, if so, what action—and, if not, whether they will take any action in the near future—to terminate the vexatious and mischievous delays almost invariably experienced by managers of national schools in Ireland with regard to the building and repairs of said schools."

I thoroughly understand that the Lord Chancellor is only the mouthpiece of the Irish Office, and I do not impute any inaccuracy to him personally; but this was the reply I received—

"There has been no avoidable delay in dealing with applications for grants towards the building of national schoolhouses. The number of applications for building grants received by the Commissioners since the 1st January, 1901, is 286. Within the same period grants have been made according to the existing scales in 168 cases, which include ninety-five grants made in respect of applications received prior to 1901. Twenty-four applications have been rejected; twenty-three have been withdrawn; and in fifty-seven cases investigation is proceeding. In the remaining 109 cases the applicants have decided to postpone their applications pending the decision of the Government on the revised plans and estimates. The Financial Secretary to the Treasury has stated that a decision on the recommendations of the Committee on Building Grants in respect to a revision of the plans and estimates would be deferred until the inquiry into the educational system in Ireland is completed. The Report on that inquiry is at present receiving the consideration of the Government."

Now, from that reply one would imagine that there was no delay whatever. But the contrary is the fact. Mr. Dale, in his Report on Primary Education in Ireland, pointed out very emphatically the scandalous condition of the national schools. Mr. Dalton a senior inspector of national schools, was also referred to the delays occurring in the building and repairs of national schools in Ireland. Then there is the Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, from which I cannot quote direct inasmuch as it is not before your Lordships, as it should be. But the following summary of the Report appeared in *The Times* newspaper—

"The Commissioners of National Education in Ireland in their Report for 1903, just presented to Parliament, reply to the adverse comments of Mr. Dale, one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in England appointed last year to report specially on the condition of Irish schools. Mr. Dale severely criticised the condition of the primary school buildings in Ireland, and pointed out the serious defects in the schools under the management of the National Board. The Commissioners admit that a large number of schools are in a wretched condition; but they defend themselves on the ground that for many years past they have been urging successive Governments to make adequate provision in the annual Estimates for building and maintaining schools which are under the management of the National Board. As the result of these representations, an Inter-Departmental Committee inquired into the whole system in August, 1902, and reported to the Government; but up to the present neither a copy of the Report nor the decision, if any, arrived at by the Government and the Treasury has been communicated to the Commissioners, and nothing has yet been done by the Executive to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee. The Commissioners complain that this inaction on the part of the Government has not merely been indirectly injurious to the provision of suitable schoolhouses, but that it has actually brought to a standstill in hundreds of cases the work of building. Replying to the comments upon the dilapidated state of the school buildings, the Commissioners say that, as a rule, there are no organised local funds for repair and maintenance, and they have no funds at their disposal for such purposes, and no means of enforcing such reforms unless by resorting to the inadvisable expedient of withdrawing the grants, which would punish the teachers and not improve education. The Commissioners hold that these unsatisfactory school buildings are largely responsible for the slow rate of educational progress and for the irregular attendance of pupils. With regard to the progress of primary education in Ireland, the Commissioners claim for the national system that, while in 1831 education was at a very low ebb in Ireland, and even in 1851 47 per cent. of the population was illiterate, in 1901 the percentage of illiterates to the population was only 14 per cent. This is regarded as creditable, in view of the fact that the Board have not had sufficient funds at their disposal to provide suitable schools and to maintain them in a satisfactory condition."

If what the Commissioners of National Education say in their Report be true, the Answer which the noble and learned Lord gave me the other day is inaccurate. I think we are entitled to know who is in the right and who is in the wrong. In an interesting speech in another place Mr. Wyndham made several very important admissions as regards the system of national educational in Ireland. Among other admissions was this one, that it would cost £40,000 to put the national schools of Ireland into a state of sanitary repair, and a further £12,000 to put proper heating appliances into the schools. This means that the little children attending these schools, frequently inadequately clothed and having had but a scanty repast before leaving their homes, which are often a considerable distance from the schools, have to sit shivering, not infrequently in wet clothes, in damp, unventilated, and overcrowded rooms. There is plenty of money obtainable for such purposes as the Uganda Railway and the Tibet Expedition, the latter of which is costing £50,000 a month; money is gaily forthcoming when the virtuous direction is the lap of purveyors of drink, degradation, and demoralisation; but when it comes to a question of £40,000 to be devoted to such a mean purpose as the putting of the national schools of Ireland in a sanitary condition, Oh, that is regarded as an exorbitant amount! As a manager of national schools myself, I have been trying, without success, to get the Board of Works to undertake the repair of my schools, and what I say may be said by almost every school manager in Ireland. The question is a very serious one

THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND (Lord ASHBOURNE): My Lords, if the noble Lord had given me notice that he intended to raise this question I should have fortified myself by inquiries in the proper quarter so as to have given a full answer. I can assure the noble Lord that I will have his statement considered and I am sure that those who are responsible will attend to the matter and see how it really stands.

Honse adjourned during pleasure.

House resumed.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

Returned from the Commons, with the Amendment agreed to.

House adjourned during pleasure.

House resumed.

COMMISSION.

The following Bills received the Royal Assent:—

1. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation).
2. Railways (Private Sidings).
3. Registration of Clubs (Ireland).
4. Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (St. Kilda).
5. University of Liverpool.
6. Electric Lighting (London).
7. Leeds University.

8. Post Office.

9. Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property).

10. Public Health.

11. Expiring Laws Continuance.

12. Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland).

13. Indian Councils.

14. Weights and Measures.

15. Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham.

16. Shop Hours.

17. Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2).

18. Licensing.

19. Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment.)

20. Anglo-French Convention.

21. Isle of Man (Customs).

22. Irish Land.

23. Prisons (Scotland).

24. Public Works Loans.

25. Wireless Telegraphy.

26. Education (Local Authority Default).

27. Cunard Agreement (Money).

28. Capital Expenditure (Money).

29. Dean Forest.

30. County of Suffolk.

31. Post Office Sites.

32. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9).

33. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10).

34. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11).

35. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13).

36. Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation.

37. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1).

38. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2).

39. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3).

40. Local Government (Ireland)] Provisional Orders (No. 1).

41. Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3).

42. Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5).

43. Dundee, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation.

44. Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation.

45. Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation.

46. Newburgh and North Fife Railway (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation.

47. Kirkcaldy Corporation Order Confirmation.

48. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2).

49. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3).

50. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4).

51. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6).

52. Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8).

53. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1).

54. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2).

55. Gas and Water Orders Confirmation.

56. Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, etc.) Order Confirmation.

57. Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2).

58. Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3).

59. Water Orders Confirmation.

60. Aberdeen City Improvements Order Confirmation.

61. Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation.

62. Glasgow and South-Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation.

63. Perth Corporation Order Confirmation.

64. Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation.

65. Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation.

66. Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway.

67. Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowdon Railway.

68. Cardiff Railway.

69. Derwent Valley Water Board.

70. Great Western Railway.

71. London United Tramways.

72. Tottenham Improvement.

73. Barnet District Gas and Water.

74. Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway.

75. Surrey Commercial Dock.

76. Thames River Steamboat Service.

77. Torquay Tramways.

78. Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads.

79. Holywood Tramways.

80. Lothians Electric Power.

81. Great Yarmouth Corporation.

82. King's College Hospital.

83. Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway.

84. Manchester Corporation Tramways.

85. Manchester Ship Canal.

86. North Wales Electric Power.

87. West Riding Tramways.

88. Felixstowe Gas.

89. Radcliffe Tramways and Improvement.

90. South Shields Gas.

91. London and India Docks Company.

92. Ilford Urban District Council.

93. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation.

94. Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways.

95. Bridlington Corporation.

96. Bristol Corporation.

97. Buxton Urban District Council.

98. Trafford Park.

99. Stretford Urban District Council.

100. Barry Railway (Steam Vessels).

101. Belfast and North-East Ireland Electricity and Power Gas.

102. Belfast Corporation (Tramways).

103. Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway.

104. London County Council (Tramways and Improvements).

105. Rotherham Corporation.

106. Selby Urban District Council.

107. Swindon Corporation.

108. Manchester Corporation (General Powers).

109. Newcastle and Gateshead Water.

110. Bristol Tramways (Extensions).

111. Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board.

112. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels).

113. Leyton Urban District Council.

114. Loch Leven Water Power.

115. Clyde Navigation (Works).

116. Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways.

117. London County Council (General Powers).

118. Carlisle Corporation.

119. Lord Tredegar's Supplemental Estate.

120. De Trafford Estate.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Command) as followeth:—

"*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

"My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be of a satisfactory character. I have paid visits to the King of Denmark at Copenhagen and to the German Emperor at Kiel. My reception was in each case of the most cordial description.

"Agreements have been entered into between My Government and that of the French Republic for the settlement of a series of questions involving the interests of both countries in different parts of the world. These agreements will not only be advantageous in themselves to all concerned, but will have the effect of materially strengthening the ties of friendship which now so happily unite My subjects and the citizens of the French Republic.

"Agreements for referring certain classes of questions to Arbitration have been concluded between My Government and the Governments of Italy, Spain, and Germany.

"The King of Italy has pronounced his Arbitral Award with regard to the Boundary between My Colony of British Guiana and the United States of Brazil, with the result that a long-standing cause of difficulty between the Colony and the neighbouring Republic has been satisfactorily removed. Arrangements will be made at once for putting the Award into effect.

"The military operations in Somaliland have ended in the infliction of a severe defeat upon the Mullah's forces, and, with the exception of a temporary garrison to cover the work of organising the tribes with a view to their own defence, My troops and those of the Emperor Menelek, who were acting in co-operation with them, have been withdrawn.

"Hostilities are, I regret to say, still in progress between Russia and Japan. Upon the outbreak of the war, I issued a Proclamation declaring My neutrality, and enjoining upon all My people the strict observance thereof. Important questions involving the treatment of neutral commerce at the hands of belligerents have arisen in connection with these operations. The issues involved, which are of the gravest moment to the trade of My Empire, will, I trust, be amicably settled, and without prejudice to the vast commercial interests of this Country. My Government will energetically support My subjects in the exercise of the rights recognised by international law as belonging to neutrals.

"The scheme for the reorganisation of the Macedonian *gendarmerie* has been put into operation, and the Foreign Officers appointed by the Powers are now employed in the areas assigned to them. Their efforts, under the able direction of General de Giorgis Pasha, promise satisfactory results. A scheme for the reform of the tithe system has been elaborated by the Civil Agents, and has been applied experimentally in certain districts.

"On the advice of My Government, I have decided to sanction the introduction of an elective element into the Legislative Council of the Transvaal, and I trust that all classes of My subjects in that Colony will unite in rendering this step in the direction of ultimate self-government conducive to the welfare and development of this part of My Dominions.

"The political mission which, with the concurrence of the Chinese Government, I found it necessary to dispatch into Tibetan territory, in order to secure the due observance of the Convention of 1890 relating to Sikkim and Tibet, has encountered some resistance in its advance. Its safe arrival at Lhasa affords Me the greatest satisfaction, and reflects the highest credit on the officers and men composing the small force employed. I trust that, by conference with the Tibetan authorities, in conjunction with the Chinese representative at Lhasa, terms may be arranged which will facilitate trade and put an end to the difficulty and friction which have arisen on the northern frontier of My Indian Empire.

"*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

"I thank you for the satisfactory provision which you made for the requirements of the public service.

"*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

"I have been glad to note the attention which you have given to the important questions affecting the reorganisation of My Army and its central administration. I trust that these reforms will conduce to the defensive strength of My Empire.

"The enactments contained in the measure for reducing the number of existing licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for regulating new grants, constitute a sensible improvement of the present law, and, while calculated to further the cause of temperance and public order, avoid any injustice to those interests which have grown up under the prevailing system.

"My assent has been given to a Bill for securing that the educational reforms embodied in the Act of 1902 shall be impartially applied for the benefit of all children attending public elementary schools in England and Wales.

"A measure has been passed to give approval to the arrangements which are included in the Convention which I have entered into with the Government of the French Republic.

"A Bill designed to facilitate the earlier closing of shops throughout the

United Kingdom has received My assent.

"In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest upon all your labours."

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

"*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

"By virtue of His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name, and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the Third day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Third day of November next."

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, 15*th August*, 1904.

The House met at Five of the Clock.

PETITIONS.

LICENSING BILL.

Petitions against; from Branston; Sleaford; and Tattershall Bridge; to lie upon the Table.

RETURNS, REPORTS, ETC.

BENEFICES ACT, 1898.

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 12th August; *Lord Hugh Cecil*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 366.]

EDUCATION (IRELAND) (COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS).

Return presented, relative thereto [ordered 11th August; *Mr. Boland*]; to lie upon the Table, and to be printed. [No. 367.]

INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION (IRELAND).

Copy presented, of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the Examination in Music [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION (IRELAND).

Copy presented, of additional Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland as to the French Course [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1888.

Copies presented, of Orders made by the various County and County Borough Councils in England and Wales under Sections 57 and 59 of the Act, as confirmed by the Local Government Board [by Act]; to lie upon the Table.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.

Mr. SPEAKER laid upon the Table, General Index to the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House of Commons, and to the Papers presented by Command, 1890 to 1899; to be printed. [No. 368.]

MESSAGE FROM THE LORDS.

That they have agreed to—Shop Hours Bill; Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Indian Councils Bill; Weights and Measures Bill; Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill; Anglo-French Convention Bill; Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; Irish Land Bill; Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Public Works Loans Bill; Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill; Cunard Agreement (Money) Bill; Capital Expenditure (Money) Bill; County of Suffolk Bill; Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill; Post Office Sites Bill, without Amendment.

Amendments to—Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Amendment to—Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Amendment to Amendments to—Licensing Bill, without Amendment. And do not insist on their Amendments to the Bill to which this House has disagreed.

Wireless Telegraphy Bill, with an Amendment.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

Lords Amendments to be considered forthwith; considered, and agreed to.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CIRCULATED WITH THE VOTES.

Erection of New School at Drumglass.

MR. CHARLES CRAIG (Antrim, S.): To ask the Secretary to the Treasury when the revised plans, which the committee of the proposed new school at Drumglass, Dungannon, county Tyrone, have been waiting for for over eighteen months, will be ready.

(*Answered by Mr. Victor Cavendish.*) I would refer the hon. Member to the Answer given to him by the Chief Secretary for Ireland on the 4th instant as to the facts in this case.† The general question of revised plans is being considered with the other matters alluded to in Mr. Dale's Report [Cd. 1981].

Sphere Allotted to England in Macedonia.

MR. MOON (St Pancras, N.): To ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs why the sphere allotted to England in Macedonia is so much smaller than that allotted to the other Powers, viz., containing, in the matter of population, approximately, one-seventh of that in the French sphere, one-fifth of that in the Russian sphere, one-fourth of that in the Italian sphere, and one-tenth of that in the Austro-Hungarian sphere, and, in point of area, approximately, one-fifth of the French area, one-seventh of the Russian area, one-fourth of the Italian area, and one-fourth of the Austro-Hungarian area.

(*Answered by Earl Percy.*) The area of the sphere allotted to Great Britain is 1,580 square miles and not 1,080 as stated in a previous Answer. The distribution of the areas was governed by considerations of administrative convenience and arranged by the *Gendarmerie* Commission consisting of the foreign staff officers and presided over by General de Giorgis. In view of the paramount importance of arriving at a prompt solution of the question, the various Powers endeavoured as far as possible to meet each other's wishes. An equalisation of areas on the basis of population and geographical extent would have been hardly practicable, and the British officers have ample scope for their labours in the district assigned to them.

Stoning of Rev. Father M'Brien at Cookstown.

MR. DOOGAN (Tryone, E.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland who supplied him with the inaccurate information with reference to the stoning of the Rev. Father M'Brien, at Cookstown, on the 1st August; whether facilities will be given to identify the constable who failed in his duty to report to his superiors that the rev. gentleman was insulted and threatened on his journey, and apprehensive of personal violence when returning by the same road to his home; whether, in consideration of the excitement in the town on the occasion, and seeing that on this road Canon Rice, parish priest of Cookstown, and two nuns were stoned last year and several Catholics since, he will explain why no patrol was placed on the road between Cookstown and Stewartstown; whether he is aware that Father M'Brien has written to the district inspector disclaiming the statement attributed to him that his assailants consisted of six or eight boys and girls only, and asking for a full inquiry into all the circumstances of the case; and whether such inquiry will be made.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) The information upon which I based my reply to the hon. Member's previous Question of the 8th instant was supplied by the district inspector at Cookstown. The Rev. Mr. M'Brien has communicated with him in the sense mentioned, and full inquiry will be made into the matter referred to in that communication.

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† See (4) *Debates*, cxxxix., 990.

Captain and Crew of the "Knight Commander."

MR. BOUSFIELD (Hackney, N.): To ask the First Lord of the Treasury whether he can give any further information as to the captain and crew of the "Knight Commander;" whether they are kept at Vladivostock as prisoners; and, if so, whether he is in a position to take any steps to secure their release and to facilitate their return to this country.

(*Answered by Mr. A. J. Balfour.*) In answer to my hon. friend I have to say that we are informed by His Majesty's Ambassador at St Petersburg that the crew of the "Knight Commander" have been released, and that every facility has been accorded to them. There is no ground for doubting that the term crew includes both officers and men; but special inquiries are being made.

The Indian Council.

MR. T. L. CORBETT (Down, N.): To ask the Secretary of State for India if he will state what is the number of members of the Indian Council; whether it is proposed to reduce the number; and whether there is any precedent for one of the members undertaking employment for an indefinite period under another department of the State without first resigning his position as a member of the Indian Council.

(*Answered by Mr. Secretary Brodrick.*) The number of members of the Council of India was formerly fifteen; but under the Act 52 and 53 Vic., c. 65, it may be gradually reduced to ten; by the exercise of this power it has been reduced to twelve, at which figure it now stands. There is at least one precedent for one of the members undertaking employment under another Department of the State, for a period not strictly defined, without resigning his membership of Council. I refer to Sir James Mackay's recent Mission to China.

Promotion of National School Teachers in County Down

MR. MACVEAGH (Down, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he can state if any national teachers in the counties of Down and Antrim have been promoted from second grade to second division of first grade on three reports of good, as indicating progress of pupils.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) In the case of one teacher in county Down, whose school was noted at first as "Good" by the inspector in three successive years on forms of report not providing for the term "Very Good" as regards progress of the school, it was decided that the reports were of such a character as to warrant promotion in accordance with the standard laid down by the Commissioners. But apart from this case no teacher, the official record of whole school, as regards the progress of pupils, was of the nature indicated in the Question, has received promotion from second grade to second division of first grade.

Extension of Urban Districts in England and Wales.

MR. FULLER (Wiltshire, Westbury): To ask the hon. Member for North Huntingdonshire, as representing the Board of Agriculture, whether he will state to what extent, in rateable value and in acreage, the total area under the jurisdiction of the rural sanitary authorities has been reduced by the formation and extension of urban districts in England and Wales between 1873 and 1903.

(*Answered by Mr. Walter Long.*) My hon. friend has asked me to reply to this Question. The returns made to my Department do not enable me to say to what extent the rateable value and acreage of rural districts have been reduced by the extension of urban districts between 1873 and 1903. A statement could be prepared from the returns showing to what extent the reduction is due to the formation of new urban districts between these dates, and if the hon. Member would wish to have this partial information, I will, on hearing from him to this effect, cause it to be got out and sent to him. I could also give him the acreage of rural districts in 1881 and 1903, respectively. If, however, his object is to obtain a comparison of the rateable value of lands at some such interval as that to which he refers, I would draw his attention to the Return as to Rateable Property (England and Wales) made to the House of Lords in 1900, Parliamentary Paper No. 150.

Report of Superintendent of Sorting Office, Dublin, on Witholding of Increased Salary from Sub-Postmasters.

MR. NANNETTI (Dublin, College Green): To ask the Postmaster-General if he will state on what date was the report, made on the 5th of May, 1903, by a superintendent of the Sorting Office Dublin, ascribing to design and fraud the withholding of increases of salary which had accrued to five town sub-postmasters, submitted to his predecessor; and what were the respective salaries of the town sub-postmasters of Harcourt Road and Harcourt Street, Dublin, when the clerical error which is alleged as the reason for the non-payment of the increase of salary at the former office was made.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) The report referred to by the hon. Member was laid before my predecessor on the 27th of May, 1903, and again on the 20th of July, 1903. The respective salaries of the town sub-postmasters at Harcourt Road and Harcourt Street, Dublin, at the time alluded to by the hon. Member were £41 14s. and £47 12s.

Tunbridge Wells Telephone Service—Stamp Duties.

MR. GRIFFITH BOSCAWEN (Kent, Tunbridge): To ask the Postmaster-General whether, seeing that under the deed transferring the Tunbridge Wells Municipal Telephone undertaking to the National Telephone Company it is provided, *inter alia*, that any resident within the Tunbridge Wells area shall have the right to an unlimited telephone service for a prepaid rental of £6 per annum, the National Telephone Company is justified in imposing an additional charge of 5s. for stamp duty, and in refusing, where such rental of £6 has been prepaid or tendered, to supply a telephone service until such extra charge of 5s. has also been paid.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) The deed referred to by the hon. Member is an agreement made between the Corporation of Tunbridge Wells and the National Telephone Company, and I am, therefore, not in a position to offer any opinion as to its legal effect.

Telegraphic Facilities at Streamstown, County Westmeath.

MR. J. P. FARRELL (Longford, N.): To ask the Postmaster-General if he will explain why there is not a telegraph office at Streamstown, county Westmeath, although there is a railway station and small village and a number of private residences in the neighbourhood; and will he direct that an office be opened at the railway station for the receipt and despatch of telegrams if same cannot be done in the local post office.

(*Answered by Lord Stanley.*) Application for a telegraph office at Steamstown was last made in December, 1902, and my predecessor offered to establish it under guarantee, but the offer was not accepted. At the railway station telegrams are despatched and received; but the company have hitherto been unable to deliver them outside the station premises. I will inquire whether the circumstances are in any way altered, and let the hon. Member know.

Creation of County Boroughs — Power of Local Government Board to Award Costs.

MR. DUNCAN (Yorkshire, W.R., Otley): To ask the President of the Local Government Board if he will state what number of orders have been made by the Local Government Board awarding cost to promoters and officials, respectively, of schemes promoted by local authorities for the creation of county boroughs or the alteration of Local Government boundaries; and on what principles such orders are made.

(*Answered by Mr. Walter Long.*) I understand that the information which the hon. Member desires is as to the number of orders issued by my Department awarding costs to promoters and opponents, respectively, of schemes of the kind referred to in the Question. No such orders have been issued.

Compulsory Retirement of War Office Abstractor Clerks.

SIR THOMAS ESMONDE (Wexford, N.): To ask the Secretary to the Treasury if he will state the actual and several amounts by which the Imperial Exchequer benefited through the compulsory retirement from the War Office of three efficient established "Abstractor Class" clerks, at the respective ages of sixty, sixty-two, and sixty-three, instead of their serving until the age of sixty-five; and whether, seeing that by this action their employment under the Crown, with full pay at increased annual increments of £5 instead of £2 10s., up to the age of sixty-five was thus lost to these clerks as also the increased superannuation allowance to be earned by service until the age of sixty-five, he will state if the Comptroller and Auditor-General reported to Parliament upon this retirement of established Civil servants, and will he now take steps to refund to these clerks the moneys thus compulsorily obtained from each of them.

(*Answered by Mr. Victor Cavendish.*) I am not prepared to give the hon. Baronet the details he desires in the first part of the Question. The figures asked for would require considerable actuarial calculation, which would produce no good result and would throw unnecessary labour upon the Department concerned. Ample information concerning the retirement of the three clerks has already been given to the hon. Baronet in reply to previous Questions on the subject. The reply to the last part of the Question is in the negative.

Game Licences in Longford.

MR. J. P. FARRELL: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that Monday, 25th July, was the day appointed to grant licences to deal in game in Longford; that on that day Mr. Kilkelly and Mr. S. Wilson were on the bench and an application was made on behalf of Messrs. Devine, Shenlin, Farrell, and O'Shaughnessy for licences to deal in game, whereupon Mr. Kilkelly said that he would not hear the application unless the local magistrates were in attendance; that from this view Mr. S. Wilson dissented, and the applications were adjourned for a week; that on the next Court day Mr. Kilkelly did not attend, and that a majority of the magistrates then present refused to grant a new licence to one of the applicants, a man named O'Shaughnessy, although nothing had been proved against him nor any reason given; and, if so, will he direct the resident magistrate to grant this man a licence.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) I have no authority to issue directions of this character to the resident magistrate.

Poor Law Officers' Superannuation in Ireland.

DR. THOMPSON (Monaghan, N.). To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether his attention has been called to the position of certain Poor Law officers in Ireland, who are liable to have the resignation of their offices accepted without receiving any retiring allowance; and, if so, whether he will issue such instructions to boards of guardians as will protect these Poor Law officers, disqualified for superannuation and anxious to retire from active duty, from the danger of being refused retiring allowances.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) With the exception of those officers who upon retirement are entitled to a retiring allowance under Section 118 of the Local Government Act of 1898, the grant or refusal to grant a superannuation allowance to Poor Law officers under Section 1 of the 28 and 29 Vic., c. 26, is within the discretion of boards of guardians. It would not be competent for the Local Government Board to issue instructions calculated to interfere with the discretion of local authorities vested in them by statute in this respect.

The Fishing Industry in South-East Ireland.

SIR THOMAS ESMONDE: To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland if he will state what he proposes to do for the support of the fishing industry on the south-east coast of Ireland; and whether, seeing that Irish county councils cannot levy a rate for the construction of a pier costing over £300, either by themselves or by the Department of Agriculture, will he state how piers are being constructed or to be constructed in cases in which the works have already commenced, or in respect of which money has been already allocated, either by the county councils or by the Department of Agriculture, and what steps he proposes to take to remove this difficulty.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) I am in correspondence with the Commissioners of Public Works and the Department of Agriculture, and will communicate with the hon. Baronet in the matter.

Estate of Madam de l'Herault.

MR. SWIFT MACNEILL (Donegal, S.): To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that Mr. Cullen, the legal personal representative of Madame de l'Herault, who in 1879 paid to the Crown a sum of £4,594, a moiety of the personal estate of her husband, who died intestate and without ascertained next of kin, through her solicitor applied, with the consent of the Lord - Lieutenant, for a copy of the account of the estate since the fund was handed over to the Treasury, and that in the account furnished certain sums were left out and numerous details in receipts and payments were omitted, the account furnished being in 1883, although the fund was paid over in 1879; and whether, having regard to the fact that the sum originally handed over to the Crown, £4,594, in the year 1879 amounted in 1897 only to the sum of £5,689, India 3½ per cent. stock and £380 cash, and that the application of the solicitor for Mr. Cullen to be furnished with a copy of the account as it stands in the books has been refused, the Lord-Lieutenant will, in order to facilitate the further consideration of this case by the Attorney-General, direct that an account may be furnished of this estate, showing the disposal and disbursement of the fund, and the charges for inquiries, expenses, and costs of opposing the only claimant, and explaining the reason of the small increase of the original sum after the lapse of twenty-five years.

(*Answered by Mr. Wyndham.*) I have referred the further matters mentioned in this Question to the Attorney-General for consideration.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

Arbitration Treaties with Norway and Sweden.

MR. CREMER (Shoreditch, Haggerston): I beg to ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Question of which I have given him private notice, viz., if he can state whether treaties of arbitration have within the last few days been arranged and signed between France, Sweden and Norway, and also between this country and Sweden and Norway.

The UNDER-SECRETARY of STATE for FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Earl Percy) being absent, no reply was given.

NEW BILL.

WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT BILL.

"To enable Women to vote at all Parliamentary Elections," presented by Mr. Crooks; supported by Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Keir Hardie, and Sir Albert Rollit; to be read a second time To-morrow, and to be printed. [Bill 304.]

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The House went; and the Royal Assent was given to a number of Bills. (See pp. 544-548.)

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands).

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said—

My Lords and Gentlemen,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name, and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the Third day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Third day of November next.

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£26,300, *Com.* Aug. 9* (139] 1639; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.
Bankruptcy Department (Board of Trade).
£3, *Com. Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£9, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1649; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
British Museum.
£80,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
£90,171, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1649; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.
£14,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
£21,701, *Com.* Aug. 9*, 1646; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
Charity Commission.
£15,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£14,633, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1641; Rep.* *Aug 10* [140] 35.
Civil Contingencies Fund, Repayment to—£16,757, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1660; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 38.
Civil Service Commission.
£18,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£25,110, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642; Rep.,* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Civil Service Estimates—*cont.*
Class 5—Total Sum expended on Transvaal and Orange River Colonies, 1901–2 and 1902–3.
Q. Mr. Rea; *A.* Mr. Lyttleton, *May. 12* [134] 1158–1159.
Class 6, Vote 1—Appendix presented, *Apr. 20* [133] 670.
Colonial Office.
£25,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£27,750, *Com.*, *July 21* [138] 789, 851; *Aug. 9* [139] 1641; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
Colonial Services.
£340,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
£305,421, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1654; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.
Committee to Report Progress and Sit again.
Motion [Mr. Dalziel], *Apr. 18* [133] 473.
Consolidated Fund—Grants from.
£4,256,177, *Com.*, *Mar. 22* [132] 413; Rep.* *Mar. 23*, 524.
£39,571,200, *Com.*, *Mar. 22* [132] 415; Rep.* *Mar. 23*, 524.
County Courts.
£4,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
£23,000, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1645; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
Customs.
£350,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1004, 1062; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1271.
£569,000, *Com.*, *May 31* [135] 437.
Date of Publication of.
Q. Mr. Buchanan; *A.* Mr. V. Cavendish, *Mar. 3* [131] 45.
Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.
£20,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£38,000 *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1639; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.
Diplomatic and Consular Services.
£250,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1273.
£303,067, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1653; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.
Education, Board of.
£7,000,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1000, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1267.
£5,238,437, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1649; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
Date of taking Vote.
Q. Dr. Macnamara; *A.* Mr. A. J. Balfour, *July 26* [138] 1224, 1225.
Exchequer and Audit Department.
£25,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£39,054, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

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- Foreign Office.
  - £30,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £35,771, *Com.*, *June 9* [135] 1235; *Aug. 9* [139] 1641; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
- Friendly Societies Registry.
  - £3,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1060; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £4,881, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1642; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
- Harbours (Board of Trade).
  - £10,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £18,930, *Com.*, *Apr. 28* [133] 1499, 1508.
- Head under which a Vote should appear, decision as to, vested in Public Accounts Committee.
  - *Os.* Lord Balcarres, Mr. G. Bowles, Mr. V. Cavendish, *Feb. 24* [130] 858; Mr. Cohen, Sir F. Banbury, Mr. G. Bowles, 859; Sir J. Gorst, Sir A. Rollit, 860.
- Home Office.
  - £60,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £104,094, *Com.*, *Aug. 4* [139] 1002; *Aug. 9*, 1641; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
- House of Commons Offices.
  - £12,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £21,060., *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1641; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.
- House of Lords Offices.
  - £6,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
  - £9,868, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1641; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.
- Houses of Parliament Buildings.
  - £16,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1267.
  - £32,300, *Com.*, *Apr. 28* [133] 1457.
- Increase in.
  - *O.* Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, *Mar. 29* [132] 998; *May 17* [135] 81.
  - References to, in debate on the Finance Bill, *May 16* [134] 1450, 1454, 1456, 1463.
- Inland Revenue Department.
  - £830,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1271.
  - £1,355,100, *Com.*, *May 31* [135] 473.
- Ireland.
  - Agriculture, Department of.
    - £80,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060; Rep. *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £110,406, *Com.*, *June 23* [136] 1015.

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- Ireland—*cont.*
  - Charitable Donations and Bequests Office.
    - £1,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £1,148, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1643; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
  - Chief Secretary for—£12,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
  - Chief Secretary in Dublin and London, and Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums—£14,371, *Com.*, *July 7* [137] 1026; *Aug. 3* [139] 736; *Aug. 9*, 1643; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.
  - County Court Officers, etc.
    - £45,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £66,584, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1647; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
  - Development Grant.
    - £184,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
    - £1,000, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1660; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 38.
    - Absence of Facilities for discussion of.
      - *Os.* Mr. Blake, *Aug. 10* [140] 98–101; Mr. Wyndham, 101–103.
    - Revised Estimate, presented, *Aug. 4* [139] 953.
  - Dublin Metropolitan Police.
    - £60,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £37,951, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1647; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
  - Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum.
    - £3,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
    - £3,715, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1648; Rep., *Aug. 10* [140] 36.
  - Endowed Schools Commissioners.
    - £400, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
    - £535, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1650; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.
  - Hospitals and Charities.
    - £17,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
    - £300, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1656; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 38.
  - Land Commission.
    - £55,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £71,342, *Com.*, *July 7* [137] 984.
  - Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions.
    - £32,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002; 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.
    - £33,416, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1646; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

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Ireland—*cont.*

Local Government Board.

£25,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£37,886, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1644 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Lord Lieutenant's Household.

£2,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£2,826, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1643 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

National Gallery.

£2,500, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£582, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1650 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

Opportunity for discussing.

Q. Mr. J. Redmond : *A.* Mr. Wyndham, *July 21* [138] 775.

Qs. Mr. J. Redmond, Mr. Lonsdale ; *As.* Mr. A. J. Balfour, *July 26*, 1226-1228 ; *July 28*, 1482, 1483.

Prisons.

£50,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [139] 1002 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£65,476, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1647 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Public Education.

£760,000, *Com. Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£633,625, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1650 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

Public Record Office.

£2,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£3,254, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1644 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Public Works Office.

£18,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002 1063 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£21,773, *Com.*, *July 7* [137] 1017 ; *Aug. 9* [139] 1644 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Public Works and Buildings.

£110,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£110,737, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1640 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.

Queen's Colleges.

£2,500, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£2,300, *Com.*, *Aug. 3* [139] 788 ; *Aug. 9*, 1653 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

Railways.

£60,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£27,815, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1640 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

£55,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269 .

£53,000, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1647 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Registrar General's Office.

£6,000, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep. *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£6,716, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1644 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Royal Irish Constabulary.

£600,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£739,608, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1647 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Savings effected on Votes.

Allocation of, applying solely to Irish purposes, proposed.

Q. Mr. Lough ; *A.* Mr. A. Chamberlain, *Feb. 29* [130] 1239.

Return showing how amount of £718,136 7s. 11d. is made up—Granting.

Q. Mr. Mooney ; *A.* Mr. A. Chamberlain, *Feb. 29* [130] 1240.

Supplementary, *see under sub-heading* Supplementary.

Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments.

£43,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£57,718, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1646; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Valuation and Boundary Survey.

£7,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14*, 1002, 1060; Rep.* *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£13,207, *Com.**\ *Aug. 9* [139] 1644 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Items of Expenditure continually urged on Ministers by private Members, in contradiction of the general outcry as to extravagance.

References to, in Debate on the Finance Bill, *May 16* [134] 1414, 1415, 1419, 1428, 1429, 1448, 1451, 1455, 1471, 1490.

Land Registry.

£18,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£28,827, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1645 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Law Charges.

£45,000, *Com.*, *Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£35,232, *Com.** *Aug. 9* [139] 1645 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

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- Local Government Board.
  - £85,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 100, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £142,089, Com., June 2 [135] 632; Aug. 9 [139] 1642; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 35.
- Local Loans Fund—Repayments to—£5,642, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1660; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 38.
- Lunacy Commission.
  - £5,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £10,259, Com., May 11 [134] 1187.
- Memorandum relating to, and estimates presented, Feb. 25 [130] 963.
- Mercantile Marine Services.
  - £30,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £69,251, Com.* Aug. 9 [132] 1641, Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 35.
- Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, etc.
  - £2,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., Mar. 16, 1270.
  - £600, Com.* Aug. 9, 1656; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 37.
- Mint (including coinage).
  - £5, Com.* Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £63, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1642; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 35.
- Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.
  - £1,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., Mar. 16, 1270.
  - £617, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1656; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 37.
- Miscellaneous Expenses.
  - £17,587, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., Mar. 16, 1207.
  - £5,098, Com.* Aug. 9, 1659; [139] 1659; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 38.
- Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.
  - £30,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £40,700, Com.,* Aug. 9 [139] 1638; Rep.* Aug. 10, 34.
- Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.
  - £28,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1269.
  - £22,199, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1645; Rep.* Aug 10 [140] 36.
- National Debt Office.
  - £6,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £7,439, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1642; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 35.
- National Gallery.
  - £10,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., Mar. 16, 1270.
  - £7,065, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1649; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 37.

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- National Portrait Gallery.
  - £3,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., Mar. 16, 1270.
  - £2,682, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1649; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 37.
- Osborne.
  - £10,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1,000, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1267.
  - £10,550, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1638; Rep.* Aug 10 [140] 34.
- Outstanding Resolutions reported and agreed to, Aug. 10 [140] 103, 104, 109, 110.
- Palaces and Marlborough House.
  - £26,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1000, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1267.
  - £35,500, Com. Apr. 18 [133] 473; Apr. 28 [133] 1531; June 30 [137] 227.
- Parks and Pleasure Gardens.
  - £35,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1000, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1267.
  - £69,100, Com., June 30 [137] 232, 263; Aug. 9 [139] 1638; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 34.
- Police.
  - £17,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1002, 1060; Rep., Mar. 16, 1269.
  - £25,854, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1645; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 36.
- Post Office.
  - £3,800,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1004, 1062; Rep., Mar. 16, 1271.
  - £6,400,618, Com., May 12 [134] 1215, 1245.
- Post Office Packet Service.
  - £250,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1004, 1062; Rep., Mar. 16, 1271.
  - £536,420, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1669, 1670; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 39.
- Post Office Telegraphs.
  - £2,100,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1004, 1062; Rep. Mar. 16, 1271.
  - £2,615,509, Com., Aug. 9 [139] 1600.
- Prisons (England and the Colonies).
  - £360,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1002, 1060; Rep. Mar. 16, 1269.
  - £375,762, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1645; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 36.
- Privy Council Office, etc.
  - £4,000, Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £5,680, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1641; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 35.
- Public Buildings.
  - £160,000, Com., Mar. 14 [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., Mar. 16, 1268.
  - £435,300, Com., May 31 [135] 488.
  - £290,900, Com.* Aug. 9 [139] 1639; Rep.* Aug. 10 [140] 34.

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Public Record Office.

£10,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£14,965; *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Public Works Loan Commission.

£5, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£7, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Rates on Government Property.

£260,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£332,277, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1640 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

£140,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£113,957, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1646 ; Rep., *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Registrar General's Office.

£18,000, *Com., Mar. 14*, 1001 [131] 1001, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£22,146, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Revenue Buildings — £160,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

St. Louis Exhibition, 1904.

£60,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1062 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£10,000, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1660 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 38.

Scientific Investigation, etc.

£22,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£24,407, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1649 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

Scotland.

Crofters' Commission.

£2,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£2,590, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1646 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Discussion, opportunity for.

Q. Master of Elibank ; *A.* Mr. A. J. Balfour, *Aug. 1* [139] 283.

Fishery Board.

£8,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£10,155, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Law Charges and Courts of Law.

£30,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£54,148, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1646 ; Rep., *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Local Government Board.

£5,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£9,598, *Com., Aug. 9* [139] 1591.

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Scotland—*cont.*

Lunacy Commission.

£3,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£3,423, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

National Gallery.

£5,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003,; 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£1,550, *Com., Aug. 9* [139] 1568.

Peterhead Harbour.

£10,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16* 1268.

£22,000, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1639 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.

Prisons.

£38,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£50,570, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1646 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Public Education.

£750,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£1,003,724, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1650 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

Register House, Edinburgh.

£15,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£27,678, *Com.* Aug, 9* [139] 1646 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 36.

Registrar General's Office.

£2,000, *Com., Mar. 14*, [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£2,732, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1643 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Secretary for.

£25,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1002, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1269.

£10,495, *Com., May 5* [134] 551 ; *Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Unexpended Balances — Specifying Votes from which Balances have Remained.

Q. Mr. Weir ; *A.* Mr. A. G. Murray, *Mar. 7* [131] 276, 277.

Secret Service.

£40,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar 16*, 1268.

£25,000, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Stationery and Printing.

£340,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1060 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.

£404,362, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1642 Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 35.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances.

£300,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003 1062 ; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

£339,729, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1656 ; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 37.

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Supplementary.

Amount required—Nature of Vote.
Q. Mr. Whitley; *A.* Mr. V. Cavendish, *Feb. 17* [130] 15–16.

Committee of Imperial Defence, Expenses of—£2,960, *Com., Aug. 2* [139] 601.

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£90,000, *Mar. 14* [131] 1001, 1059; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1268.
£120,409, *Com.* Aug. 9* [139] 1639; Rep.* *Aug. 10* [140] 34.

Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable.
£35,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.

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£25,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1062; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
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Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales.
£48,000, *Com., Mar. 14* [131] 1003, 1061; Rep., *Mar. 16*, 1270.
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